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REDS NOT TO ATTACK S'HAH

Assurance Given W.W. Yen During Visit To Peiping CHIANG TO GO ABROAD?

Shanghai, March 4.

A tacit agreement not to launch a direct military attack on Shanghai was obtained from the Communist authorities by the Shanghai non-partisan peace delegation, headed by Dr. W. W. Yen, in its recent discussions in North China, according to a report in today's pro-Kuomintang Shun Pao, one of Nationalist China's big three dailies.

The paper, quoting a source close to the delegation, indicated that the Communist leaders fully recognise the importance of Shanghai as the most important industrial and trade centre of the nation and the need for avoiding serious damage to the metropolis through military operations.

The report gave the impression that Dr. Yen's group was able to carry out its trail-blazing peace mission successfully and members of the delegation were able to explore much wider ground on the question than was hitherto possible.

Defence Bill Approved

London, March 4.
Britain next year will spend the largest peace-time defence budget except for the years before she had demobilised after World War II.

The House of Commons approved defence estimates of £759,300,000 last night by a vote of 227-3. This was after the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, had declared the huge expenditure was necessary so long as Russia maintains her veto on peace and security.—Assoc. Press.

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China's Bid For Silver Loan Fails

Nanking, March 4.
American officials have informed the Chinese government that it is not feasible at present to grant a recently requested loan of \$200,000,000 in silver, it was authoritatively learned today.

Among the principal reasons cited for the refusal is the current instability of the Nationalist economy to derive lasting benefits from such a loan. The danger that silver dollars would be drained off abroad or into the Communist areas was pointed out.

New Communist regulations in North China are reported to forbid the free circulation of silver dollars. It is already feared that silver dollars are now freely circulating in government territory and may be slowly absorbed into the Communist areas by attractive exchange rates being offered there.

Free Circulation

The Chinese government asked for a silver loan to support a new economic programme which calls for the minting and free circulation of the silver dollar as the legal means of public and governmental financing.

Inadequate Chinese facilities for minting the silver dollars at the rate necessary to absorb the large amount of silver bullion asked for was said to have also unfavourable the American decision.

Both the American Treasury and ECA representatives in China were sounded out on the possibilities of obtaining a silver loan.

Its approval would have been required by Congress if the recommendation for the loan had been initiated by either agency. The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kun, was quoted in a press interview today as having admitted the government had approached the United States for a silver loan. He said that so far no agreement had been reached. A statement today in Shanghai by the Central Bank of China said that the government was still seeking silver bullion loan from the United States.—Associated Press.

In addition to the various points touched during the Peiping conference, the mission was said to have been told by the Communist negotiators that henceforth the pattern of life of the Chinese people, especially the pattern of the urban population, must be altered to a great extent.

It revealed, however, that this change need not follow the old Communist line during the party's agrarian phase.

The delegates were reported to have been informed that there has been a change in the Communist approach to various questions resulting in generally softer policies.

How To Save Face

Peace in China is now mainly a question of finding the right face-saving formula according to the general consensus of opinion in the capital today.

Practically everyone is convinced that the civil war is over, though the projected peace negotiations with the Chinese Communist Party are still ahead.

No one doubts the ultimate agreement will be victory for the Communists, but most recognise that the extent to which the Nationalist formula now being worked out by the newly appointed ten-man committee eventually dovetails with the Communists' eight-point peace terms will determine the extent to which the peace becomes Communist-controlled.

Premier Sun Fo is Chairman of the Government's 10-man committee drafting proposals to the Reds.

Authoritatively, it was learned the Committee has agreed on four points:

1—The present Constitution may be revised, even radically, changed, if the Reds insist.

2—The Communists should moderate their first announced peace prerequisite of surrender of war criminals.

3—The Nationalist may concede to the Red demand of dissolution of the present National Assembly.

4—China's armies must be reorganised.

Meanwhile two prominent members of the newly appointed 10-man Nationalist Committee are drafting the peace formula for negotiation with the Chinese Communists, few yesterday to Fenghuang, where Chiang Kai-shek is living in retirement, it was learned reliably here today.

Polite Ultimatum

They were said to carry a polite ultimatum to the ex-president asking him first to hand over full powers to President Li Taung-chen, secondly, to cease interfering in the Nationalist peace moves, and thirdly, to go abroad. The two committee-men were General Chang Chi-chung, Inner Cabinet Minister, and official peace delegate, and General Wu Chung-hsin, former Secretary-General to the President's office, who is well-known as the mediator between Chiang Kai-shek and Li Taung-chen.

The new session. There were 104 legislators present.

Meanwhile, it was reported that President Li Taung-chen has sent for four senior Nationalist generals who expressed opposition to his peace policy and his decision to remain in Nanking.

They are General Cheng Chen, Governor of Taiwan, where Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is held a political prisoner in spite of the President's orders to release him, General Yu Han-mou, Commander of the Canton Pacification Headquarters, General Hsueh Yueh, Governor of Kwangtung, and General Chu Shao-liang, Pacification Headquarters Commander in Fukien Province.

In addition to rejecting the removal of the seat of the Government to Canton, the Legislative Yuan today passed a resolution urging Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet fully to implement the instructions of the President guaranteeing peace and fundamental liberties and to release all political prisoners.—Reuter-Associated Press.

Mock War In Scotland By U.S. Air Force

London, March 3.
Superfortresses of the United States Air Force are to take part in an air defence exercise over the Firth of Clyde area of Scotland from March 5 to 13.

The B-29s will make scattered raids during the early part of the operations, flying between 10,000 and 25,000 feet. In a second phase, between March 7 and 11, single Superfortresses will make scattered raids, and in a third and final stage they will operate in strength, at least one divisional mission being included.

The aircraft will be led by the commander of the United States Third Air Division, Major-General Leon W. Johnson.—Reuter.

USSR Mission In China To Discuss Air Pact

Nanking, March 4.

The official Central News Agency reported today the arrival of a Russian mission in Tihua, provincial capital of Sinkiang, to negotiate a new Sino-Soviet air pact for that Western most Chinese province.

The existing Sino-Soviet air transport agreement providing for Russian-operated civilian airlines between Tihua and Alma-Ata in Kazakh, Soviet Socialist Republic, will expire next September.

The Chinese government formally notified Russia last September of its intention to abrogate the present agreement.

In a delayed dispatch from Tihua, the Central News reported that formal negotiations with the five-man Soviet mission will open soon with the arrival of Chinese delegates.

The talks on the new civilian air pact will touch on only part of a broader agreement for Sinkiang that the Chinese and Russian representatives are reported to be negotiating in Tihua.

General Chang Chi-chung, minister without portfolio, and director-general of military and political affairs of the North-West



Princess Margaret arrives for a dinner-dance at the Central Hotel, Glasgow. The function was held in aid of the Scottish Association of Girls' Clubs. A piper plays the Princess in 'Princess Margaret is staying at Drumlanrig Castle, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, as the guest of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch.—AP Photo.

Colony Must Not Be New Malaya, Says MP

London, March 4.

Hong Kong is threatened with repetition of the events in Malaya, according to the Conservative Member of Parliament, Captain Leonard D. Gammans, today.

Recently returned from a Far Eastern tour, Captain Gammans had been making his observations known in a series of articles in the Daily Mail in which today's is headed "Hong Kong Must Not Be A New Malaya."

Chief anxiety in Hong Kong said Captain Gammans, is that Communist-dominated China might deliberately foment trouble within the Colony by boycotts or even a terrorist campaign.

"Hong Kong people are wondering if the British government realises this danger and if there is a strategic reserve in Malaya or elsewhere which can be rushed to the spot at short notice," he said.

Captain Gammans said if the Communists dominate all China Russia will have gained a victory transcending any of her triumphs in Europe and only a miracle can save the rest of Asia.

He said Burma is in chaos. Neither India nor China nor Siam are adequate forces to withstand advances from expansionist China. India's government is increasingly realising the external menace from Russia and the internal Communist menace while in Indonesia Communist domination is the only alternative to rapprochement with the Dutch.—United Press.

Death Penalty Asked For Four Churchmen

Sofia, March 4.

The Communist prosecutor today demanded the death penalty for the top four of 15 Protestant Churchmen who are charged with spying and treason against Bulgaria.

In a two-hour summation, Moscow-trained Dimitr Gorgiev accused the defendants not only of spying but trying to promote a revolt against Bulgaria's Communist-dominated Government, which he said was to have brought intervention by the United States and Britain.

The prosecutor said names of prominent Americans and Englishmen were mixed "in the spy network of evangelical leaders" as well as the names of various American Church boards and the World Council of Churches.

The four for whom the prosecutor demanded the death penalty were Vasil Georgiev, Zlatkov, a Congregationalist; Yanko Nikolov Ivanov, a Methodist; Mihailov Naumov, a Baptist, and Georgi Nikolov Chernov of the Pentecost Church.

The sentencing of the defendants is expected on Monday, or Tuesday.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a weak anticyclone is moving ESE into the Pacific to the S of Japan and a ridge of moderate high pressure extends from it to Kwangtung. Pressure is again rising over NW China. A depression is developing over the lower Yangtze and moving E. From it a trough extends to Yunnan and Burma.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E and SE winds. Cloudy and mild. Some drizzle probable.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 23.0 deg. Fah. Minimum: 15.0 deg. Fah. Rainfall: 0.2 mm. Total since Jan. 1—129.0 mm.—8.01 in. as against an average of 57.0 mm.—2.24 in. for the month. 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Baro. at m.s.l. 1020.7 1017.5 m.h. Temp. at 2 m. 20.4 20.4 m.h. Rel. Humidity 72 76 % Wind Speed 11 10 kts Wind Direction 01 deg. V. Wind Force 11 10 knots Tide:—High 11.1 11.1 Low 5.5 5.5 Moon:—Full 10.0 10.0

NORWAY REJECTS SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION PACT

Oslo, March 4.

Norway today rejected the Soviet Union's offer for a non-aggression pact. She told Russia that she intends to take part in the preliminary discussions on an Atlantic Pact.

The text of Norway's reply to the Russian note, which was published today, expressed polite rejection of the Soviet Union's offer, and said that by joining the United Nations Charter, the two countries had pledged themselves not to attack one another.

Thus the Norwegian Government failed to see the need to reiterate this pledge by a special non-aggression pact.

The Norwegian note contained an assurance of good neighbourly relations between Norway and the Soviet Union and expressed the Norwegian Government's conviction that the Atlantic Pact would not serve aggressive aims.

It assured the Soviet Government that Norway will not grant bases for foreign military forces on Norwegian territory so long as Norway is not attacked or subjected to threats of attack.

The Norwegian reply said that the Norwegian Government had already stated that it had decided in consideration of Norway's situation on the Atlantic Ocean and its position as a seafaring nation to set on foot an inquiry to ascertain the forms and conditions under which Norway possibly might participate in a regional security system, comprising of countries on the Atlantic Ocean.

It added: "This inquiry has led to the result that the Norwegian Government, after Norway's Storting (Parliament) has declared itself in agreement with such a step, now intends to take part in preliminary discussions of closer details of the framing of an Atlantic pact."

Expresses Suspicion

In a note on February 5, the Soviet Government proposed a non-aggression pact with Norway as a proof of Russia's peaceful intentions. It had expressed suspicion of a previous Norwegian declaration that it would not permit foreign military bases on Norwegian territory except in case of attack or threat of attack.

Earlier, on January 28, Russia warned Norway not to join the North Atlantic alliance with the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The warning pointed out that Norway has a common frontier with Russia.

Meanwhile the United Press reported from Oslo that the Norwegian Parliament today voted overwhelmingly to join the proposed Atlantic Pact.

The Norwegian delegation is expected to leave for Washington within 10 days to join the discussions on the pact.

From Washington it was reported that Denmark and perhaps other Western European countries are expected to follow Norway in joining the North Atlantic Pact negotiations soon.

Reports from Copenhagen said Denmark's Parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee has already voted to approve participation. Officials in Washington indicated Denmark's request for an invitation to the treaty talks will be granted just as soon as it is received.

Others Considering

Informants said Italy, Iceland and Portugal are also considering the terms of the security pact.

Norway is to join in the talks today. It will be represented by Ambassador Willem Morgens-terne.

The decision of Norway to defy the Russian warning and take part in the negotiations was announced here last night by Ambassador Morgens-terne. The action was authorised by the Norwegian Parliament.

The Western Powers are betting that the Kremlin will choose words rather than actions to combat the treaty. Some concern is felt however that Red Army troops may overrun Iceland as a "protective measure."

3 Injured In HK\$50,000 Bank Holdup

In one of the most spectacular robberies in the Colony for years, six bandits armed with revolvers struck at the Cheong Fat Bank of 118B Des Voeux Road Central yesterday afternoon with lightning suddenness and got away with approximately HK\$50,000, leaving behind three wounded victims.

The three wounded were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital. One of them, the bank guard, was reported late last night to be in a critical condition, while the other two, a police constable and a pedestrian, were reported as not seriously wounded.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. J. H. Wilson, is offering HK\$5,000 to anyone giving information leading to the arrest of the robbers.

Shortly after 3 p.m., according to eye-witnesses, the six men entered the bank and held up the occupants of the place. The bank guard, who was sitting outside, attempted to give the alarm by shouting. This drew the attention of a police constable on his beat.

As the bank is situated in a crowded business area and the streets at the time were full of pedestrians, the police were reluctant to fire at the bandits who were by that time dashing out of the premises with the loot.

The robbers opened fire and hit the policeman as well as the guard. A pedestrian was slightly wounded. The robbers hurriedly dispersed among the crowd, and by the time the Patrol and the Emergency Unit had arrived, the robbers had scattered.

The police later roped off the building to keep off the curious crowds that had gathered. Other units searched the adjoining buildings, while another detachment stood with drawn revolvers at the entrance of the Tai Koon Hotel.

A pool of blood was seen in the middle of the footpath in front of the bank.

No arrests had yet been made up to late last night.

MOUNTAIN CRASH

Del Rio, Texas, March 3.
A C-47 plane, missing for several days while on a flight from California to San Antonio, Texas, crashed in the Colorado Mountains, killing nine servicemen, the police reported here today.—Reuter.

Refreshment on the Job— To-day's Trend in Industry

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COLONEL RIDE ORDERS HKVDC DISSOLUTION

A special Order of the Day has been issued by Colonel L. T. Ride with regard to the dissolution of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps upon establishment of the new Hong Kong Defence Force.

The Order of the Day was made by Colonel Ride as Commandant of the HKVDC. He has since been appointed by the Governor to be Commandant of the Hong Kong Defence Force.

The Order of the Day follows:—
The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps stands down after 26 years of loyal and faithful service to the Colony and the Empire. Your services, as freely given in peace as in war, were crowned by your memorable contribution to the Colony's defence against the Japanese attack in December, 1941.

Contrasts In February Weather

In February interesting contrasts of weather were recorded. Temperatures were above normal, and sunshine markedly so, mainly due to a prolonged spell of fine weather from February 15 to 20.

Although rainfall was almost three times the average, rain fell on only eight days, and the majority was concentrated into two days of heavy rain on February 10 and 11, the latter itself having only less than twice the average for the month.

Two spells of thick fog, however, offset the otherwise fair conditions. The first continued from January 28 to February 2 and the second, a particularly severe spell in which visibility was often below 50 yards, causing considerable disturbance to the traffic of the Colony, lasted from February 24 to the 27.

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volunteer military forces extends over a period of just less than 100 years. When this story is published as I hope it will be in the near future, there is no doubt in my mind that history will accord to the HKVDC, pride of place amongst all its predecessors; now the time has come for it, like them, to take its honoured place in the ranks of the past.

But the Corps you built up will still live; it will live because in the ultimate test of war it was not found wanting; it will live because of the example of those of our number who paid the supreme sacrifice and whose memory cannot fade; it will live because its traditions, its badge, its colours and its spirit, it will entrust to its youthful successor, the Hong Kong Regiment.

"It would have been more appropriate had the lot to write this Order fallen to one of your former Commandants, all of whom had more to do with the building up of the Corps than I have had. I can but do what I know they would have me do. I know they would have me thank you for the years of loyal service (many of joy but some, I fear, of anguish) you have rendered in the Corps; they would have me mention with pride your bearing in the war, and your morale in the more difficult times of captivity. In conclusion they would have me wish you, one and all, well in whatever paths your future may direct your energies."

ALLEGED ROBBER TO BE TRIED

Charged with being connected with the armed robbery at Boundary Street, on January 7, Ho Hung, alias Lang Hung, stood trial before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The robbery, alleged to have been committed with two fellows, involved money and jewellery valued at approximately \$558. Part of the loot has, however, been recovered.

SECRET STATION

At about 3.15 p.m. on March 2, Mr. Grew of the Post Office and a party of police raided No. 30, Wing Kai Street, first floor. On entering, the party found there were three men and one woman (long and thin) found leaning beside a table with two telephones. Also on the table were Chinese-Code Books and telephone numbers of different offices, practically all dealing in gold.

Defendant was the operator, and received a card for every character he received. While the raiding party was on the premises several telephone messages were received.

Before Mr. F.K. d'Almada at Central yesterday, Leung Yau, aged 22, was fined \$2,000 or six months for operating a radio station without a permit.

Three Ocean-Going Ships Here Same Day

Hong Kong's waterfront community yesterday saw three ocean-going ships, representing three nations, arriving here for the first time.

Chartered by the Hong Kong Government to bring in coal for local consumption, the British freighter Kingsborough arrived from Japan with 7,800 tons of coal.

Formerly the Chertsey, this 6,000-ton vessel has 30 British and 12 Asiatic personnel, headed by Mr. A. Duncan.

It was reported that three steamships were found en route, built at Glasgow in 1943, she has a cruiser stern and two decks. She measures 401 feet long with a 54-foot beam.

The Dutch steamer Tjiphan arrived here for general "touching up" at Kowloon Docks. Formerly the Alchiba and later renamed Normandieu, this 9,108-ton vessel has a crew of 65, including 44 Asiatics.

The master reported some parcels were brought in for the Colony. The third Merchant Marine ship making her debut in local waters is the American C-3 freighter Ocean Mail, which arrived from the United States with 2,200 packages of dry skin milk for needy children and expectant mothers in China under auspices of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Aboard the Ocean Mail, discharging here yesterday, was 65-year-old Louis Quong, who is returning to his native village at Nanchang in Kwangtung Province after working at a laundryman in the United States for the past 30 years.

Mr. Quong, who is now at the heating at present, went to America when he was 100 years of



Gen. Ritchie Due Today

General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, will arrive by air at Kai Tak today. He will be met on arrival by a guard of honour from 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Sir Neil is carrying out a routine tour of inspections including visits to units and formations in the New Territories and on the Island. He will leave by air for Singapore on Thursday.

The visit was to have been carried out last week, but was postponed owing to the fog which made air travel impossible.

Reminders

Today

HK & Shanghai Banking Corporation, annual general meeting, 11.30 a.m.
King George V School, annual sports, 2 p.m.
HK Stage Club presents "The Guinea Pig", China Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.
March Hare Dance, Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.
St. Stephen's College, annual sports, Stanley, 1.30 p.m.
Wah Yan College Past Students' Association monthly luncheon, Catholic Centre, 1 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. T. Y. Lee.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
HK Art Club sketching class, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
Classical Concert, Toe H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra concert of popular music, The Gripps, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.
MONDAY
Sports Club general meeting, King's Building, 5.30 p.m.
Overseers of Urban Council cocktail party in honour of Mr. James Reid, Jacobson Hotel, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Mr. D. L. Ballantyne, Vice-President and Manager of the Chase National Bank (fourth from left) entertained a group of friends at a luncheon aboard the APL liner President Wilson yesterday. From left to right are: Kan Koon-ying, W. K. Yue, Auw Pit-seng, D. L. Ballantyne, J. Vitell, M. Onnes, F. J. Alexander and Clement Y. Yeh.

Many Notables Arrive On APL Luxury Liner

The American President Lines' luxury vessel ss. President Wilson arrived here yesterday morning, bringing with it many distinguished passengers.

Dr. J. C. Rodriguez, newly appointed Argentine Consul to China, whose destination is Shanghai, was among those stepping ashore for a quick look at the Colony. Dr. Rodriguez and his wife were met at the dock by Victoriano De La Torre, Argentine Consul to Hong Kong, and Mr. A. J. De Souza, Secretary of the Consulate here.

Dr. Rodriguez hopes to proceed to Nanking from Shanghai. This is the first time he has ever visited the Far East. He was formerly Argentine Ambassador to Canada.

No newcomer to the East is Mr. F. Hinkle, U.S. Consul-General to Shanghai, who is returning to his post after spending his leave in the United States.

Two other members of the American diplomatic service passing through Hong Kong aboard the President Wilson were Mr. F. Farnsworth, U.S. Consul to Mukden, and Mr. D. Overton, U.S. Vice Consul to Tokyo.

Among those who arrived aboard the President Wilson to stay in the Colony were Mr. and Mrs. E. Lambert. Mr. Lambert is President of the Lambert Company, a rubber importer and Vice President of the South Asia Corporation of New York.

Mr. J. Thomas, Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Fraser and Neave Rubber Company.

Other prominent persons disembarking here were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ophof of the U.S. Rubber Company, Mr. David Rowson, Manager of the California Texas Oil Company in Hong Kong, and Mr. Kuo Hui-san, owner of the China Trading Corporation.

Revisiting HK
Revisiting the Colony for the first time in 10 years were Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Halls of Honolulu. They will return to Honolulu aboard the same ship on its return voyage. Mr. Halls is an executive of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association of Honolulu.

Among those returning to the United States were Mr. Frank Gerber, Chairman of the Board of the Gerber Products Company, Mr. and Mrs. H. Laub of George Laub Sons, (leather goods) Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. L. Swart, Commissioner of the New York State Athletic Commission, and Mr. J. B. Ahern, Director of the U.S. War Damage Commission.

Two luncheon parties were held aboard the President Wilson yesterday.

Mr. D. L. Ballantyne, Vice-President and Manager of the Chase National Bank in Hong Kong entertained the following guests: Mr. Kan Koon-ying, Mr. W. K. Yue, Mr. Auw Pit-seng, Mr. F. J. Alexander and Mr. Clement Y. Yeh.

Mrs. Ballantyne gave an informal luncheon which was attended by Mrs. D. J. Gilmore, Mrs. G. Carter, Mrs. Q. E. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. W. G. Robertson, Mrs. Markert and Mrs. P. H. Bonnerman.

Other new appointments in the shipping company are Mr. E. F. Farnaby to command ss. Donogh, Mr. E. Farnaby to command ss. Paring, Mr. W. R. Stockdale to command ss. Khyber and Mr. C. E. Pollitt to command ss. Skilling.

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Larceny Of Cigarette Case On Ferry

As the passengers were disembarking from a ferry at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, on Thursday, a man stole a cigarette case from Mr. S. M. Walton of the Hong Kong Treasury.

As a result, a 26-year-old coolie, Tang Kwai, stood in the dock on a charge of larceny from person before Mr. J. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Walton said that at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, he was leaving the ferry accompanied by his friend Mr. M. H. Harty. At the gateway, Walton felt a touch in his right pocket.

He turned round immediately and saw defendant holding the cigarette case in his left hand. His friend, continued Walton, had to assist him to get hold of defendant. He was handed over to the police.

Defendant denied the charge and said he picked up the case on board the ferry. When complaining came to him, he offered him back the cigarette case.

When asked whether he had any witnesses to call, defendant said that many passengers got on board the ferry and what had happened.

Defendant was sentenced to six months imprisonment and deportation.

HKDF Order

Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated March 3, 1949.

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IMPORTS CONTROL IN AFRICA

Pretoria, March 3. Mr. Eric Louw, South African Minister of Economic Affairs, announced tonight that a considerably extended list of goods, considered non-essential and the importation of which will be prohibited, will be gazetted tomorrow.

Under these restrictions, control is to be imposed on all imports from sterling and non-sterling areas and permits will be required to import goods not on the prohibited list.

Mr. Louw said that the sterling quotas for the importation of goods will be generally made available to individual imports on the basis of the proportion of value of their importations during 1948 with regard to their importations during the current year, and to the relative essentiality of the goods imported by them.

The quotas, which will of necessity entail a severe cut in relation to previous imports, will not, unless specially agreed to, be available for the importation of goods on the prohibited list.

Exceptions of this nature can only be made in the most special circumstances.—Reuter.

Argentine Ban Relaxed

Buenos Aires, March 3. The first imports into Argentina to be permitted by the Government, following the import ban imposed last month, will be articles essential to public health and to the continuance of indispensable economic activities, an official announcement said today.

On February 1, the Argentine Central Bank temporarily discontinued granting foreign exchange for any purpose, so that the foreign exchange position could be studied.

The regulations covered all types of foreign exchange transactions in all currencies. The list of articles to be permitted was studied and approved by the National Economic Council last night, and details are expected shortly.—Reuter.

Berlin, March 3. The love life of Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Propaganda Minister, was brought up today before the court trying Voit Harlan, leading film director under the Nazi regime. Goebbels used to type his love letters in red, accused said.

The British film, "Oliver Twist," will be shown on Saturday in a Hamburg cinema before members of the court. Harlan is charged with committing an offence against humanity by producing a distorted "anti-Semitic" film version of the novel "Jew Süss."

His counsel asked that "Oliver Twist" be shown at the same time as the "Jew Süss" film, so that the court judge how a Jewish theme could be treated.

Propaganda Minister said that the British film was banned in various United States cities, after having won first prize at an international competition in Venice. "Oliver Twist" was recently withdrawn from a film theatre in the British Sector of Berlin, after the police had been asked by demonstrators objecting to the portrayal of the Jew, Fagin.)

Love Affair
Harlan told the court today that he had not been an active opponent of Nazism, but he opposed the Propaganda Chief, Josef Goebbels, in artistic matters.

Goebbels' love affairs with the Czech actress, Lida Hanova, caused difficulties between the Propaganda Minister and the Gestapo Chief, Heinrich Himmler, who was very hostile to the Czechs, Harlan added. Eventually Goebbels asked Harlan to marry Lida so that she might acquire German citizenship, but he declined.

Amid loud laughter, Harlan said Goebbels used to type all his love letters in red. He said that Lida brought him a note in red lettering, summoning him to discuss the project of marriage. **Satanic Genius**
There was further laughter when the film director said that the first time he met Goebbels the Propaganda Minister was lying on the floor, playing with a toy train with the actor, Gustav Fröhlich.

Goebbels' heart was satanic, but his intelligence was that of a genius, Harlan said. Denying prejudice against Jews, the accused mentioned that his first wife was a Jewess. He was divorced from her after 18 months, not for anti-Semitism, but because his wife's relatives, who were pious Jews, objected to her being married to an Aryan.

For each of his feature films he received 80,000 marks. Goebbels had a 51 per cent financial share in most of the feature films, Harlan added.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary
12.32 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade"—Peter York and His Concert Orchestra, with Paula Green and Steve Hawley (Vocal). (BBC)
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Programme.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
4.01 p.m.—"Unit Requiem" Linda Celer Cullins—Radio Sitters, R.A.P. Kalam (Studio)
7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay)
7.15 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) "On the Air"
7.30 p.m.—London Studio Melodies... Gerald and His Orchestra. (BBC)
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
8.10 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio) Senior Officers of the Health Department, discuss "The Squatter Problem."
8.25 p.m.—Sports Results. (Studio)
8.30 p.m.—"Halfway" by Coleridge Taylor—"The death of Minnehaha" Sung by the Royal Choral Society, with Orchestra, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.
9.05 p.m.—"The Story of Submarine K 13" Written by Gerald Ash. (BBC)
9.50 p.m.—Violin Recital by Yehudi Menuhin.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—"Cabaret" and Dance Music.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

WINDFALL FOR KING PETER

Paris, March 3. Twenty-six-old King Peter of Yugoslavia heard today that a Paris court has awarded him shares worth about £25,000 which his father, King Alexander, had deposited in a French bank before his assassination in Marseilles on October 9, 1934.

The bank acknowledged the Yugoslav Royal Family's ownership of the shares but asked the court whether the beneficiaries should include Peter's brothers, Tomislav (aged 21) and Andrej (aged 19). Under French law, the shares would have been divided among the three brothers, but the court held that Serbian law should apply. Under it, the heir to the Throne inherits all his predecessor's property.—Reuter.

TRIBESMEN CONDUCT BOW AND ARROW WAR

Cuttack, March 3. Bow-and-arrow tribesmen, on the warpath against the Orissa Government, blocked the only road winding through the Mayurbhanj Hills and brought police pursuers to a pitched battle.

They ambushed and destroyed a jeep and hacked to death a retired forestry officer who was driving it. Ten people were killed and several injured. The war-like aboriginal hill-men, who object to their princely State being merged with Orissa Province, forced 2,000 people to flee in terror from the heights to the safety of the towns.

Thousands of tribesmen threw up barriers before the advancing police. After the battle, they dispersed into their native hills. Before India won independence, Mayurbhanj was one of 42 States in the Eastern States Agency. It has an area of more than 4,000 square miles and a population of about 990,000. The ancient Bhanja Kingdom covered a considerable part of Orissa.—Reuter.

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China Seeking Silver Loan

Shanghai, March 4. A Central Bank source today confirmed that the Chinese Government is seeking a silver bullion loan from the United States but declined to reveal the amount or when formal presentation of the request will be made.

Meanwhile, other financial sources predict, in spite of official denials, that silver dollars will be the sole currency within two or three months. The opening of the silver and gold markets within a fortnight is also predicted. Regulations are being drafted and will be announced shortly.—United Press.

SAMAR TRAGEDY

Manila, March 4. Twenty-three persons, including 18 children, were drowned on Monday when a sailboat capsized off Samar Island in Central Philippines.

Delayed reports of the disaster reaching Manila today said eight persons survived. Passengers on board the small craft were excursionists travelling between Sulu, Samar and near-by Sulu Island.—Associated Press.

DUTCH APPEAL TO UN FOR 'CO-OPERATION'

Lake Success, March 4. The Netherlands today appealed to the United Nations to co-operate in the Indonesia talks arranged for the Hague on March 12. The immediate American reaction was cool. A U.S. spokesman said America will oppose UN participation at the Hague talks unless Indonesian Republican leaders, whom the Dutch have arrested, agree to attend.

Despatches from Batavia report that the Republican leaders have refused to attend and that the Dutch have recognised a new group as representatives of the territory formerly held by the Republic.

The Netherlands appeal was in a letter signed by Mr. J.W.M. Smoek Hargreave, Dutch representative at the UN.

The Dutch knowledge that their newly announced approach toward Indonesian sovereignty by the Security Council's resolution of January 28, outlining a plan of action. The letter said the Dutch and the Council differ only in the way the independence of Indonesia should be attained and not in the general goal.

The Dutch say they have lifted the remaining restrictions on the liberty of movement of the Republican leaders arrested last December. The leaders will be subject only to the travel and residence restrictions which are applicable to everyone in certain parts of Indonesia for military reasons.

Best Plan

After calling the Council's attention to the plans for the Hague conference and the invitations sent to the Republican leaders and members of the three-nation UN Indonesian Commission, the Dutch letter said:

"The Dutch government appeals to the Council to further the realisation of this plan, which in the present circumstances offers the quickest and most effective way of establishing a democratic U.S.I. (United States of Indonesia) and a durable and voluntary co-operation between the Netherlands and Indonesia." The Security Council is expected to take up the Indonesian question on Monday.—Associated Press.

JAVANESE ATTACK REPULSED

Batavia, March 3. Dutch Army headquarters today announced that a Republican force estimated at 2,000 men had been thrown back after making a vigorous attempt to regain their former capital of Jogjakarta.

Headquarters said that six Dutch troops were killed and 14 wounded in a two-day battle that began early on Tuesday. There is no estimate of the Republican casualties.

However, neutral sources report approximately 300 Indonesians and Dutch were killed or wounded in the fighting.

The Netherlands commander, L. van Langen, reported in a communique that the Republican attack began before dawn on March 1. The Republicans attacked the city from three directions, employing rifle, mortar and machine-gun fire.

The main strength of the Indonesian attack was centred on the Dutch Army barracks in the heart of the city. Dutch Army sources admit that troops entered the Sultan's palace but withdrew when assured that there were no Republican insurgents inside. Since the Dutch occupation of the city the Sultan of Jogjakarta has consistently refused to co-operate with the Dutch.—United Press.

CINEMA TRAGEDY

Rome, March 3. Three workmen were burned to death in a fire in a half-built Venice cinema last night. Another workman was seriously injured when he jumped from the balcony to the floor of the cinema to escape the flames.—Reuter.

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In this instalment Mr. Churchill studies the development of the German plan for the invasion of Britain—"Operation Sea Lion."

SOON after war broke out on September 3, 1939, the German Admiralty, as we have learnt from their captured archives, began their staff study of the invasion of Britain. Unlike us, they had no doubt that the only way was across the narrow waters of the English Channel. They never considered any other alternative. If we had known this it would have been an important relief. An invasion across the Channel came upon our best-defended coast, the old sea front against France, where all the ports were fortified and our main flotilla bases and our main control stations for the defence of London were established. There was no part of the island where we could come into action quicker or in such great strength with all three Services.

Admiral Raeder was, however, anxious not to be found wanting should the demand to invade

Britain be made upon the German Navy. At the same time he asked for a lot of conditions. The first of these was the entire control of the French, Belgian and Dutch coasts, harbours and river mouths. Therefore the project slumbered during the Twilight War.

Suddenly all these conditions were miraculously fulfilled, and it was as if the German Navy had been given a green light. On May 21, 1940 and again on June 20 he spoke to Hitler on the subject, not with a view to proposing an invasion, but in order to make sure that if it were ordered the planning in detail should not be rushed. Hitler was receptive, saying that "he fully appreciated the exceptional difficulties of such an undertaking."

Strong Artillery

It was not until the last week in June that the Supreme Headquarters turned to this idea, nor until July 2 that the first directive was issued for planning the invasion of Britain as a possible event. "The Führer has decided that under certain conditions the most important of which is achieving air superiority—a landing in England may take place." On July 16 Hitler issued his direct-

ive: "Since England in spite of her military hopelessness position shows no sign of coming to terms, I have decided to prepare a landing operation against England, and, if necessary to carry it out. The preparations for the entire operation must be completed by mid-August. Active measures in every direction were already in progress."

The German Navy plan, of which it is clear, I had received an inkling in June, was essentially mechanical. Under the cover of heavy-gun batteries firing from Gris-Nez towards Dover, and a very strong artillery protection along the French coast. In the Straits, they proposed to make a narrow corridor across the Channel and to wall this in by minefields on either side, with outlying boat-proof nets towards Dover, and the Army was to be ferried over and supplied in a large number of successive waves. There the Navy stopped, and on this the German Army chiefs were left to address themselves to the problem.

In Strength

The German Army Command had from the first regarded the invasion of England with considerable qualms. They had made no plans or preparations for it, and there had been no training. As the weeks of prodigious, delicious victory succeeded one an-

other, they were emboldened. The responsibility for the safe crossing was not departmentally theirs, and once landed in strength, they felt that the task was within their power. Indeed, already in August Admiral Raeder felt it necessary to draw their attention to the dangers of the passage, during which perhaps the whole of the Army forces employed might be lost. Once the responsibility for putting the Army across was definitely thrust upon the Navy, the German Admiralty became constantly pessimistic.

On July 21 the heads of the three Services met the Führer. The execution of "Sea Lion," the said, must be regarded as the most effective means of bringing about a rapid conclusion of the war. After his long talks with Admiral Raeder, Hitler had begun to realise what the crossing of the Channel, with its tides and currents, and all the mysteries of the sea, involved. He described "Sea Lion" as "an exceptionally bold and daring undertaking."

"Even if the way is short, this is not just a river crossing, but the crossing of a sea which is dominated by the enemy. This is not a case of a single-crossing operation as in Norway; operational surprise cannot be expected; a defensively prepared and utterly determined enemy faces us and dominates the sea area which we must use. For the Army operation 40 divisions will be required; the most difficult part will be the material reinforcements and stores; we cannot count on supplies of any kind being available to us in England."

Heavy Weapons

The prerequisites were complete mastery of the air, the operational use of powerful artillery in the Dover straits, and protection by minefields.

The time of year (he said) is an important factor, since the weather in the North Sea and in the Channel during the second half of September is very bad, and the fog begins in the middle of October. The main operation must therefore be completed by Sept. 15, for after that date co-operation between the Luftwaffe and the heavy weapons becomes too unreliable. But as air co-operation is decisive, it must be regarded as the principal factor in fixing the date.

A vehement controversy, conducted with no little asperity, arose in the German Staff about the width of the front and the number of points to be attacked. The Army demanded a series of landings along the whole English Southern coast from Dover to Lyme Regis, West of Portland. They also desired an ancillary landing North of Dover at Ramsgate. The German Naval Staff now stated that the most suitable area for the safe crossing of the English Channel was between the North Foreland and the Western end of the Isle of Wight. On this the Army staff developed a plan for a landing of 100,000 men, followed almost immediately by 100,000 more at various points from Dover Westward to Lyme Bay. Col. Gen. Halder, Chief of the Army Staff, declared that it was necessary to land at least four divisions in the Brighton area. He also required landings in the area Deal-Ramsgate; at least 15 divisions must be deployed, as far as possible simultaneously, at points along the whole front. In addition, the Luftwaffe demanded shipping to transport 52 A.A. batteries with the first wave.

The Chief of the Naval Staff



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Our enlightened contemporaries again. "Annatich Gaylan" who came almost as near as anyone to having the secret of longevity, died here on Tuesday at the age of 1,022.

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however, made it clear that nothing like so large or rapid a movement was possible. He could not physically undertake to escort a landing-fleet across the whole width of the area mentioned. All he had meant was that within these limits the Army should pick the best place. The Navy had not enough strength, even with air supremacy, to protect more than one passage at a time, and they

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THE NEW SOUTH EAST ASIA

An entirely new approach to international affairs is developing East of Suez. Ancient aspirations towards independence, spurred on by intransigent Japanese "Asia for the Asiatics" propaganda, are now gradually coming to fulfillment—and the end result may be good, although the way is long and hazardous.

Yesterday in London a senior Commonwealth government official said that a decision to reach an understanding with genuine nationalists was the main outcome of the conference on Burma this week. It was pointed out that both Australia and New Zealand took part in this and also in the Asian conference. Both conferences agreed with claims by Asiatic countries to settle affairs in their own countries, and made it clear that there should be unified Commonwealth policy concerning genuine nationalism as opposed to Communistic claims.

Such a policy is to be discussed and probably crystallised at another gathering later this year. It is understood that the British Government is desirous of bringing these measures into fruition, and there is little doubt that the Dominions and Colonies, including those not directly affected, would be strongly behind the move.

One spokesman yesterday declared that the projected decisions could prove more important than China's change to Communism. Indeed, the possibilities are vast. United for defence and foreign policy, the enormous congregations of people still free from the Red yoke might elect a single representative to the United Nations, and speak with almost as much weight as America or Russia. It means that newly-independent countries, as well as freely-associating members of the Commonwealth, realise that now the world is split between Communism and the Rest, between really stringent foreign domination and the chance to fulfil their own destinies. Questions of internal politics, human rights, defence and international approach must all be expected to be aired at the forthcoming conference, and if genuine agreement is reached, the freedom-loving world can heave a deep sigh of relief.

The question is—will this conference, and any others which may follow, prove more fruitful than the abortive international gatherings we have been used to in recent decades? Will these many races, of different background, ideas, aspirations and mentality, be able to find a common denominator, even in face of the growing menace seeping implacably from Moscow? However keenly sympathetic one may be, it would be unwise to jump to too optimistic conclusions.

And from a purely practical, short term point of view, it is obvious that defence arrangements in the Pacific are far from reassuring. The British fleet is below its pre-war strength, and despite conflicting reports of American policy, few believe that MacArthur's intended defences extend further than the Philippines.

Now is the time to act, and if the South East Asian countries can achieve a pact in amity, it is up to London and Washington to back them up with an enthusiasm not exhibited since the war.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

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All Nationalities

Chicago, every American will tell you, is the real America. I suppose it is.

There are 120,000 foreign-born Poles, 85,000 foreign-born Germans, 70,000 Italians, 66,000 Russians, 46,000 Swedes, 34,000 Czechs, 26,000 Austrians, and about 15,000 each of British, Hungarians, Norwegians, and Yugoslavians.

There are also 350,000 Negroes. They all get along very well together.

The Chicago of Al Capone, Big Bill Thompson, Sam Insull is gone.

There is still a great deal of crime here—about one murder a day, but no mass gangster killings and massacres, no complete city-wide corruption, no all-powerful crooked syndicate.

The city has the reputation of being the citadel of anti-British feeling, the enemy Isolationist camp, the castle of reaction.

It is not—now. It is probably one of the most friendly places on earth. People I had never met until this week are all on first-name terms, and everyone I have asked for information, guidance, and help have turned handsprings to put me right.

Chicago loves to help. It is as affectionate as a mother, as puppy and as mischievous, unpredictable, loose-mannered, and uninhibited. It is not a worrying city.

Never A Jitter

New York and Washington may have the jitter about wheat prices collapsing on the grain market here, but Chicago itself shrugs, laughs, and says: "What the hell! If we go broke we'll make it other side later, and we're not going broke, anyway."

There is no defeatist spirit here. Trade is off a bit and the luxury

business has been hurt, but no one is getting panicky.

Chicago has grown too big too fast to be worried about a mere leveling-off in the future.

One hundred and twenty years ago there were only 50 people here struggling in a tiny village, set on the mud. Today there are 5,000,000—all chasing dollars strenuously, talking and thinking success, and generally achieving it.

New York talks, sells, promotes, publicises, manipulates, but Chicago manufactures.

Here are the giant industries—iron and steel, machinery, printing and publishing, textiles, baking and brewing, butchery—the skyscrapers are, of course, the world's biggest—factories, chemicals, and most everything else.

The city is probably depression-proof if it curbs its gambling spirit.

The Mayor of Chicago is Martin Henry Kennedy, an honest man who has taken on the gigantic job of making the city honest.

Buttons Polished

He is an internationalist, a reformer, a crusader who has managed in less than two years to put the city's involved finances on a cash-and-carry basis, polish up the tarnished buttons of the Police Department, demolish some of the city's frightful slums, and win the confidence of the big, raw, gusty place itself.

The Governor of Illinois, over which Chicago lords itself, is Adlai Stevenson, another progressive and idealist, sensitive of the State and city's reputation.

Most people in Chicago will tell you that Kennedy and Stevenson are doing all right. They are not working miracles, but, at least, they are working.

Watching them and occasionally applying the spur and the whip in Chicago's greatest personality, Robert Rutherford McCormick, owner of the Tribune and the Prince of Print.

He is the Duke of Chicago—an exceptional man. Exceptionally wrong-headed, apoplectic, and grandiose.

He calls his publication "The world's greatest newspaper," though some think if the world's worst, and there is no doubt that he considers himself the world's greatest newspaperman.

A man of considerable physical courage, he has 40 armed guards in the Tribune building.

McCormick's office itself has a door with no knob. Instead, a

secret switch, operated by the Colonel from his desk, slides open a panel for visitors.

McCormick's attitude toward the British is a mixture of a mix-up. His accent is in the cultured English manner; his clothes, and some of his cars, are of British make, and his hospitality to British guests generous.

He Looks English

He looks rather like an Englishman and sometimes sounds like one.

Yet he has never trusted us and has done everything in his newspapers to wound and hurt us.

One of his most bizarre projects is to lure Scotland and Wales from the United Kingdom and make them separate States in the American Union.

Night life is still wide open in Chicago.

After Memphis it is almost inevitable. It is a great town for booze and burlesque. It is giddy and bawdy, and its neon jungle is as bright and brilliant as New York's Broadway.

Like all great cities, Chicago is a place of stark contrasts.

Its Outer Drive is one of the handsomest in the world, and its great houses on the Gold Coast by Lake Michigan are as fine and spacious as some of England's best.

State-street is a more robust Fifth-avenue; La-Salle-street compares favourably with Wall-street.

Yet not far away, and close to the fabulous Loop, which the elevated railway encircles dangerously, in Skid-row—West Madison-street, the home of the hoodlum and the panhandler, the bum, the tramp, and the deadbeat.

I drove along this street of broken hopes and shattered dreams. The down-and-outs littered the pavement in the doorways or lolled in the cheap bars (3d. for a shot of whisky, 3d. for a beer).

City Unshamed

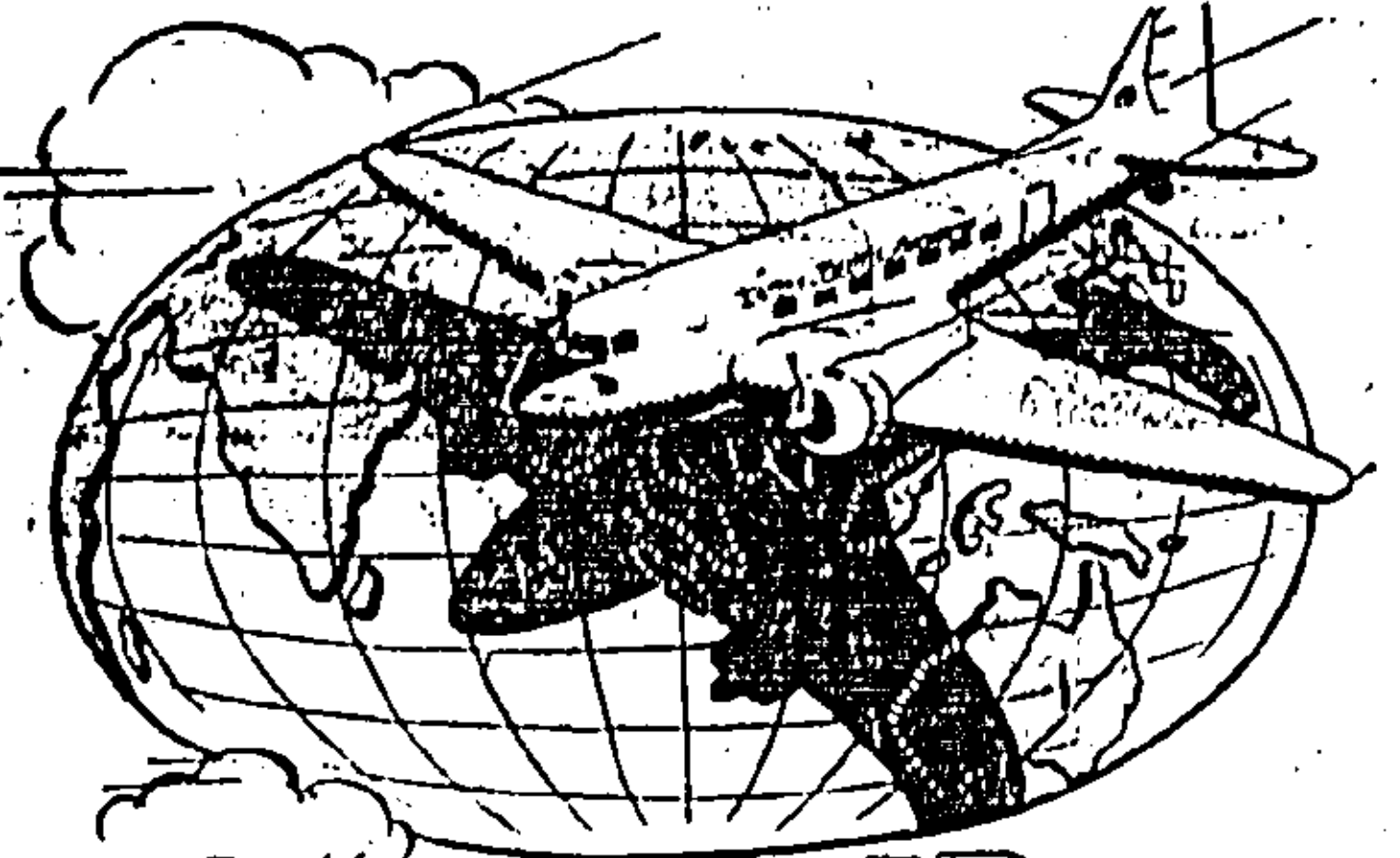
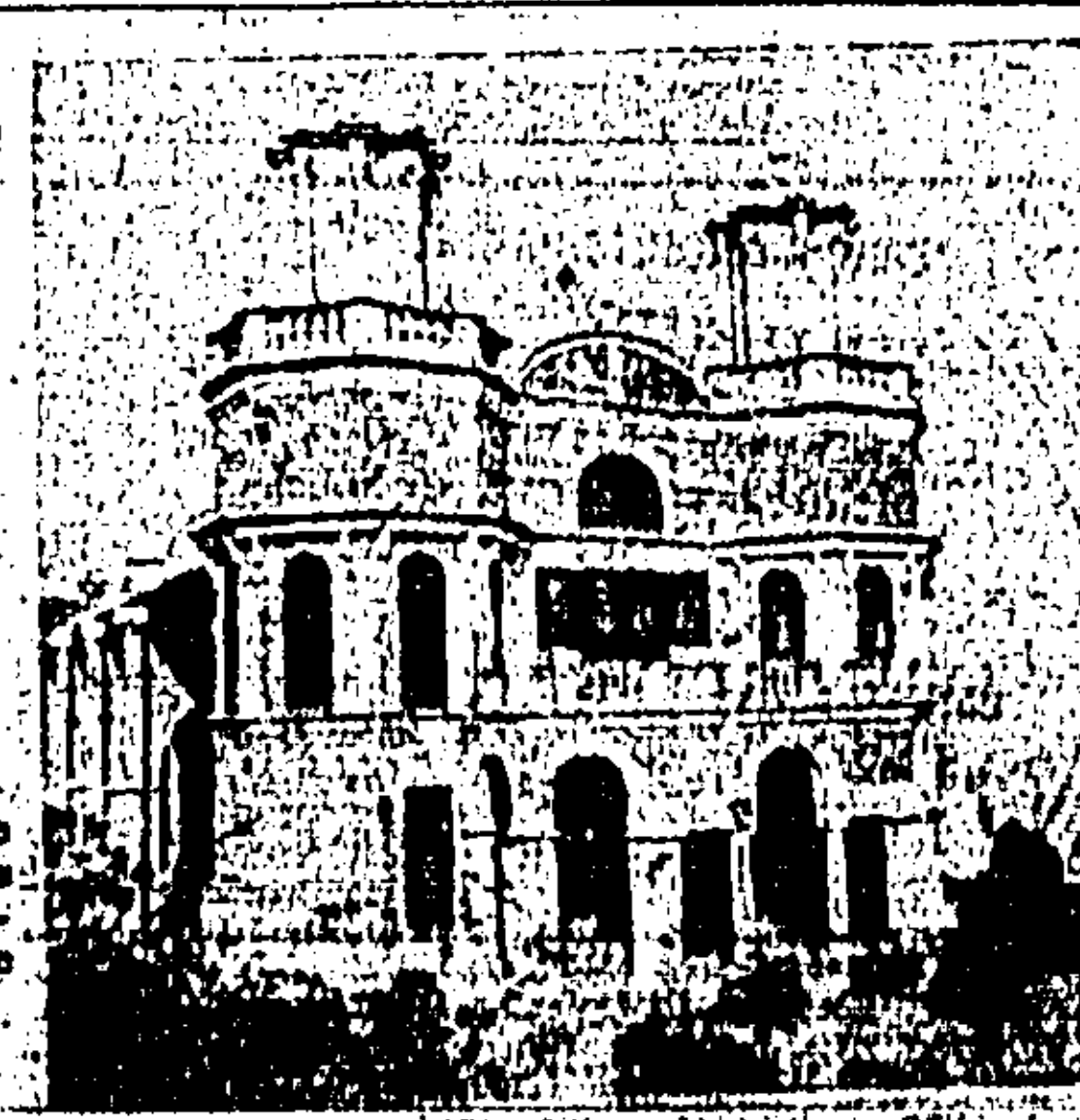
Skid-row is the end of the totem-pole slide—a shabby, shabby collection of doss-houses, chili joints, bars, coffee shops, and hideous saloons. It is the gashan of Chicago.

But the city does not hide it. It is proud of its handsome profile, exultant in its riches and powers, but not ashamed of its black slum. They form a very small number in the fold, anyway.

Footnote: The Windy City refuses to get the wind-up about any possible depression—or anything else.

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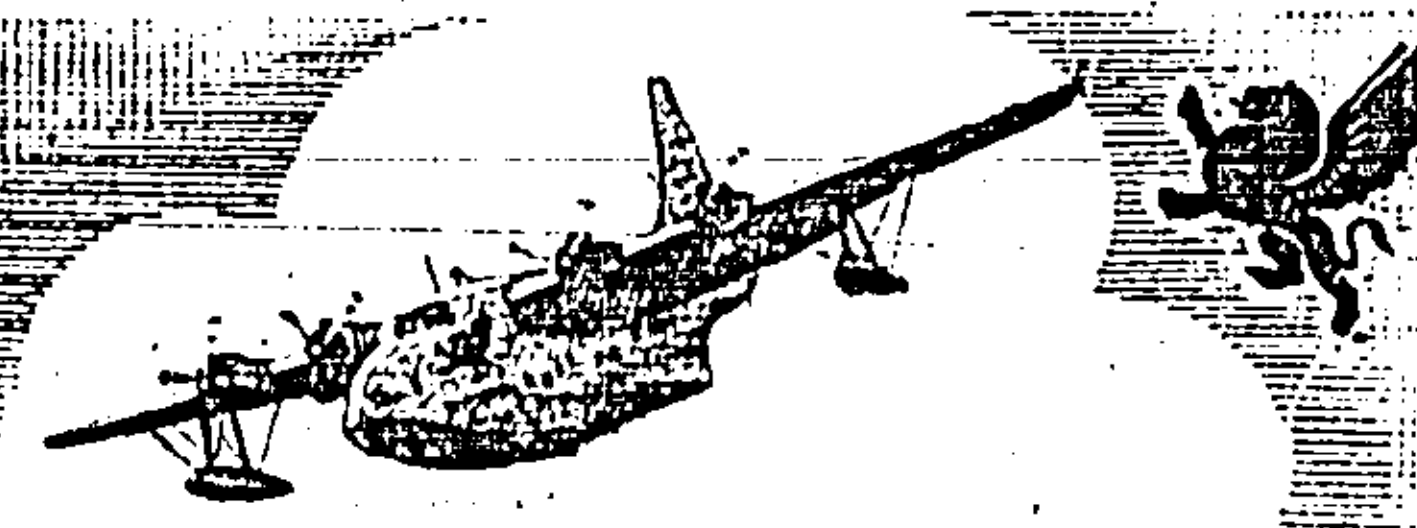
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BRITAIN'S DEFENCE POLICY

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COLONIAL DEFENCE MEASURES

The Defence Minister had this to say in Parliament yesterday on Colonial defence.

Recent events have shown the importance of pressing on with the economic development of territories under the British Crown.

It is not easy for the Government to put in hand at the same time any substantial development schemes for the defence forces supported by colonial territories.

Nonetheless, the need for adequate forces to maintain internal security is fully recognised and colonial governments and Service Commands abroad have been made aware of the threatening dangers.

The colonial governments are making every effort within their means to strengthen their police forces. Permanent arrangements have been made by which colonial governments receive guidance either from the Defence Co-ordination Committee in the Middle East or the Far East, or from the Service Commands, or direct from the Colonial Office.

An Opposition motion of disapproval of Government's defence policy was defeated by 291 votes to 155. A Government motion of approval was carried by 227 votes to three.—Reuter.

MONOPOLY PROBE IN BRITAIN

London, March 3. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, today named the first six British industries to be investigated by the Government Commission inquiring into whether monopoly ownership or restrictive trade practices are against the public interest.

The industries are: matches, both from the point of view of export and the home market; and in respect of the home market only, machinery for manufacturing matches; instruments, appliances (including artificial teeth) used wholly or mainly in dentistry; electric lamps; insulated electric wires and cables; rainwater goods; and soil goods.

Under an Act passed six months ago, the Board may refer to the Commission any trade or industry in which monopolies or restrictive practices are believed to exist, detrimental to public interest.—Reuter.

REUTER MISSION TO INDIA

London, March 3. Mr. Walton Cole, Editor of Reuters, left for Bombay today by Air India International. He is preceding the Reuter goodwill mission, consisting of Lord Layton, Mr. R. A. Henderson and Mr. Malcolm Graham, Directors of Reuters, and Mr. C. J. Chancellor, General Manager, which is leaving for India shortly.

Mr. Cole was in India in 1945.—Reuter.

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Western Union Planning For Any Emergency

London, March 3.

The Western Union organisation under Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery is studying the tactical problem of West European defence and preparing plans for action in any sudden emergency, Mr. A.V. Alexander, Minister of Defence, told Parliament today.

"Its work," he said, "is a clear indication of our will and purpose to stand four square to the difficulties of the present international situation. Mr. Alexander was opening a debate on the Government statement on defence which accompanied the Defence Budget last month. This Budget provides for an expenditure of £759,860,000 for the year 1949-50—an increase of £107,500,000 above the current year.

The total strength of Britain's armed forces—703,000 on April 1 this year—is to be reduced to 750,000 by April, 1950.

The Government statement explained that the increase in expenditure, despite the decrease in numbers, is due to increased rates of pay, increased cost of equipment, administration of occupied territories and the necessity for sending abroad extra forces to reinforce local security measures.

It said that the 1949-50 production programme is the minimum necessary to cover minimum requirements and allow for a modest instalment of modernisation. The debate was on a Government motion, asking for approval of the defence statement. The statement has disappointed the Opposition, which decided to challenge the adequacy of the Government's defence policy by putting down an amendment complaining that the country is not getting sufficient value for its money.

Of the three meetings of the Defence Ministers of the five Western Union countries of Europe, Mr. Alexander declared: "We have made considerable progress. The Western Union Military Supply Board has made a comprehensive review of the defence production capacity of each of the five countries.

Britain's Share
"It is today arranging for the equipment of the new defence forces of the Western Union."

Meteor or Vampire jet fighters are already being supplied to France, Belgium and Holland. Arrangements are well advanced for the manufacture of these aircraft under licence.

Philippine Reds Would Back Russia

Manila, March 4. Mariano Burgos, Secretary-General of the Communist Party of the Philippines, in an interview with the "Manila Times" said his party will support the Soviet Union in the event of a shooting war.

Mr. Burgos said that should the Philippines get involved in war on the side of the United States, Filipino Communists will fight against their own Government.

"This would not be treason, inasmuch as their apparent defeat will mean liberation of the masses from the forces of American imperialism," he claimed.

Mr. Burgos also told the "Times" that a shooting war is not likely and invasion of the Philippines by Russia most improbable.—United Press.

In these countries, further supplies will be made available during 1949.

Mr. Alexander declared that while Russia maintains her veto of peace and security, Britain must carry her full share of the defence burden of the free world.

Mr. Alexander said it has always been Britain's belief that she must act collectively. "It is quite impossible to think, in the world as it is today, that you can plan to secure the defence of one country alone effectively," he said.

Mr. Alexander said he could not say much at this stage about the North Atlantic Pact. The nations now taking part in the discussions have between them a large proportion of the world's industrial resources and more than 250 million people.

Their clear unity of aim and the fact that such an agreement should be under negotiation at all are most significant.

An Assurance

After the pact is signed, discussions are bound to follow about the distribution of responsibility. These discussions will affect British defence.

He gave an assurance that Britain has adequate quantities of the most important items of equipment which take a long time to manufacture. The shortage of these items in the last war was the main brake on the speed with which fighting power could be deployed.

Nevertheless, difficulties exist. It would be a false policy to produce weapons or vehicles now when markedly superior types might perhaps be developed in the near future.

He added: "But we must look further ahead. The equipment we hope to have when our present projects begin to bear fruit will, in most fields, represent an outstanding advance on what we have now."

"Before ourselves and before the rest of the world, we can be clear that our defence measures have no aggressive purpose," Mr. Alexander said.

"We regret their necessity, but our duty is clear. But so long as Russia maintains her veto on peace and security, so long shall we have to be prepared to carry whatever burden is needful to enable us to play our proper part in the defence of the free peoples of the world."

Heavy Expenditure

More money is being spent on research and development this year, chiefly on producing new types of aircraft.

The Defence Minister said it is plain that the exchange between the five nations of military equipment in any quantity is bound to raise considerable financial problems, requiring the utmost understanding and goodwill.

Commenting on an amendment by the two Communist Members expressing alarm at the expenditure on armaments, Mr. Alexander said: "These are they whose comrades in France and Italy, clearly acting under the same alien inspiration, have recently declared that they would welcome the armies of Russia on their territories."

"Their object is to foster the legend that the free-loving democratic nations of the West have been transformed overnight into imperialist aggressors—to sow doubt and dissension and thus to undermine the country's will to resist the insidious attack of Communism."

It was not Britain, nor her friends, who had delayed plans for an effective international force under the United Nations, or blocked agreement on disarmament, or prevented the creation of an international authority to control the production of nuclear material, or 28 times refused proposals in the Security Council.

Protest Rejected

Mr. Alexander said: "If there were to be a war in the campaigns would no doubt be fought with the weapons in use during the last war."

Questioned about Pacific defence problems, Mr. Alexander said: "In our relationships with the Commonwealth, we have very close co-operation indeed. We have a joint planning organisation being set up with regard to the Pacific area, and we have very close consultation and understanding with the United States."

Mr. Alexander continued: "We must never forget that our influence in the world is in a large measure due to our membership of the worldwide Commonwealth of Nations."

"The meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London last October afforded an opportunity for a discussion of the present arrangements for consultation between the countries of the Commonwealth on defence matters."

Work is continuing on this subject, he said. It is contemplated that improvements will be based on the existing machinery and developed from the interchange of Service Liaison staff generally approved by other Commonwealth countries.

The Defence Minister praised the British troops in Malaya. "It would like here to pay a special tribute to the troops who are operating in Malaya," he said amid cheers.

"The courage, skill and determination which they have displayed in the task of gradual restoration of conditions of ordered government in that important territory have been worthy of the highest traditions of the Service."

"The arrest of the spread of Communism in that area is of vital significance in the cold war, and our troops have adapted themselves to the unusual circumstances with all that resource and good humour which are characteristic of the British Army."

Princess Margaret listened to the debate from the Speaker's Gallery.—Reuter.

BRUTAL MURDER OF RAILWAYMEN

Canton, March 4.

Seven employees of the Canton-Hankow railway were brutally killed yesterday afternoon by wounded soldiers at Chenchow, South Hunan, near the Kwangtung border.

Rare Stamps Up For Sale

London, March 3.

One thousand old postage stamps from Ceylon are expected to be sold at an average price of £5 each at an auction sale in London on March 9.

The collection consists of the postage stamps of 1857-67. During these years, the currency was sterling, after which it was changed to cents and rupees. Among the stamps are some of the most sought after rarities of the stamp world—an 1857 unused eight-penny issue, valued at £180, and a four-penny of the same year, which experts expect to fetch £120.

The auctioneer, Robson Lowe of Phil. Mail, believes the sale will see money changing hands at the rate of £50 a minute, which is very high for a stamp sale.—Reuter.

MR. FORRESTAL'S RESIGNATION

Washington, March 3.

Mr. James V. Forrestal resigned as United States Defence Secretary today. Mr. Louis A. Johnson was named as his successor.

Mr. Johnson, a lawyer aged 68, is a former Assistant Secretary of War. He acted as President Roosevelt's personal representative in India during the war and headed the American War Production Board there in 1942.—Reuter.

Jewish Troop Moves In Area Of Akaba

London, March 3.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain has received reports of troop movements in Palestine. "They are not yet sufficiently authenticated to warrant comment," he added in an unsolicited statement at a daily news conference.

The British press has reported that lorry loads of Israeli troops have been observed moving in the direction of the Red Sea port of Akaba, Transjordan.

January, Government spokesmen said at the time, because Britain suspected that Israel intended to attack Transjordan territory. Britain has a military treaty with Transjordan. King Abdullah invoked it by inviting British troops to Akaba.

Associated Press.

GRIM REMINDER OF FIRST WAR

Arras, March 3.

Searchers today dug into a subterranean army field hospital buried since the patients and doctors were suffocated when a shell sealed off their communication trench in 1918.

Skeletons of the patients were found on their cots lined up in rows along the walls. German rifles and helmets were stacked by the door.

The underground field hospital was found on Wednesday by a rabbit hunter when his foot broke through the dug-out's crumbling roof. It is situated in an old rock quarry that has not been used for more than 40 years.

The hunter, Fleury Leboul, said he was pushing his way through foliage that had grown over the quarry when his foot broke through the ground. Peering inside he saw skeletons. He returned to Arras to report his discovery.

Digging into the hospital, Fleury and other citizens of Arras found the grim spectacle.

Rows of cots lined the sheet metal walls. On each cot was a white skeleton, an occasional one minus a leg or an arm. One or two other skeletons were thought to be those of doctors. One patient was apparently being operated on when the shell struck.

A communications trench between the hospital and another dug-out nearby had been hit and buried by an artillery shell. The patients and doctors died of suffocation. Arras, near Lille, was in the British sector when the great offensive began in 1918.

To Be Sealed

The Mayor of Roubaix Arras, a village seven kilometres from Arras, said the dug-out is to be sealed off immediately and no one allowed to enter.

The excavation will be turned over to the Graves Registration Command of the French Army.

Robert Savary, son of the Mayor, slid into the dug-out with an electric torch and reported seeing five or six skeletons on their cots.

BRITAIN'S PLAN WITH FRANCE

Paris, March 3.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and M. Maurice Petsche, French Finance Minister, met here today and decided that their experts should continue their talks on co-ordinating the long-term recovery programmes of the two nations.

A communique after today's meeting, attended by the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, said the experts will develop, within the framework of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, the progressive results achieved in London meetings earlier this week.

Today's conference was a resumption of February's talks when Sir Stafford visited Paris for the OEEC meeting.

France will send Britain wheat, timber, potash, phosphates, steel and possibly meat, butter, cheese and eggs.

Britain is likely to modify her four-year programme following criticism in the Marshall Plan organisation.

Fresh facts and figures have also been supplied by other Western European countries in the past few months.

British and French quarters said today's talks have helped to dissipate earlier ideas that Britain's and France's long-term policies are irreconcilable.—Reuter.

DEVELOPMENT OF COLONIES

London, March 3.

Lord Milverton left London today by air for Singapore and Borneo in connection with the work of the Colonial Development Corporation, formed by the British Government a year ago to borrow £110 million.

A former Governor of Borneo and with an intimate knowledge of that area, Lord Milverton has gone to investigate the possibilities of a number of schemes which have been placed before the Corporation.

Among these is a plan for extensive rice cultivation, an industry which suffered very severely during the war. Lord Milverton is expected back in London in April.—Reuter.

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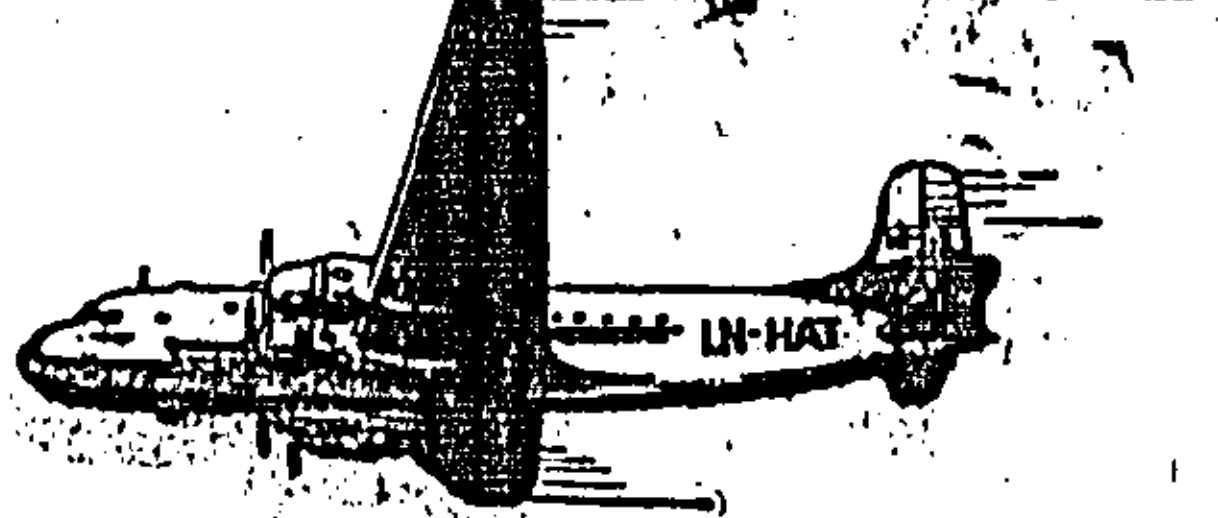
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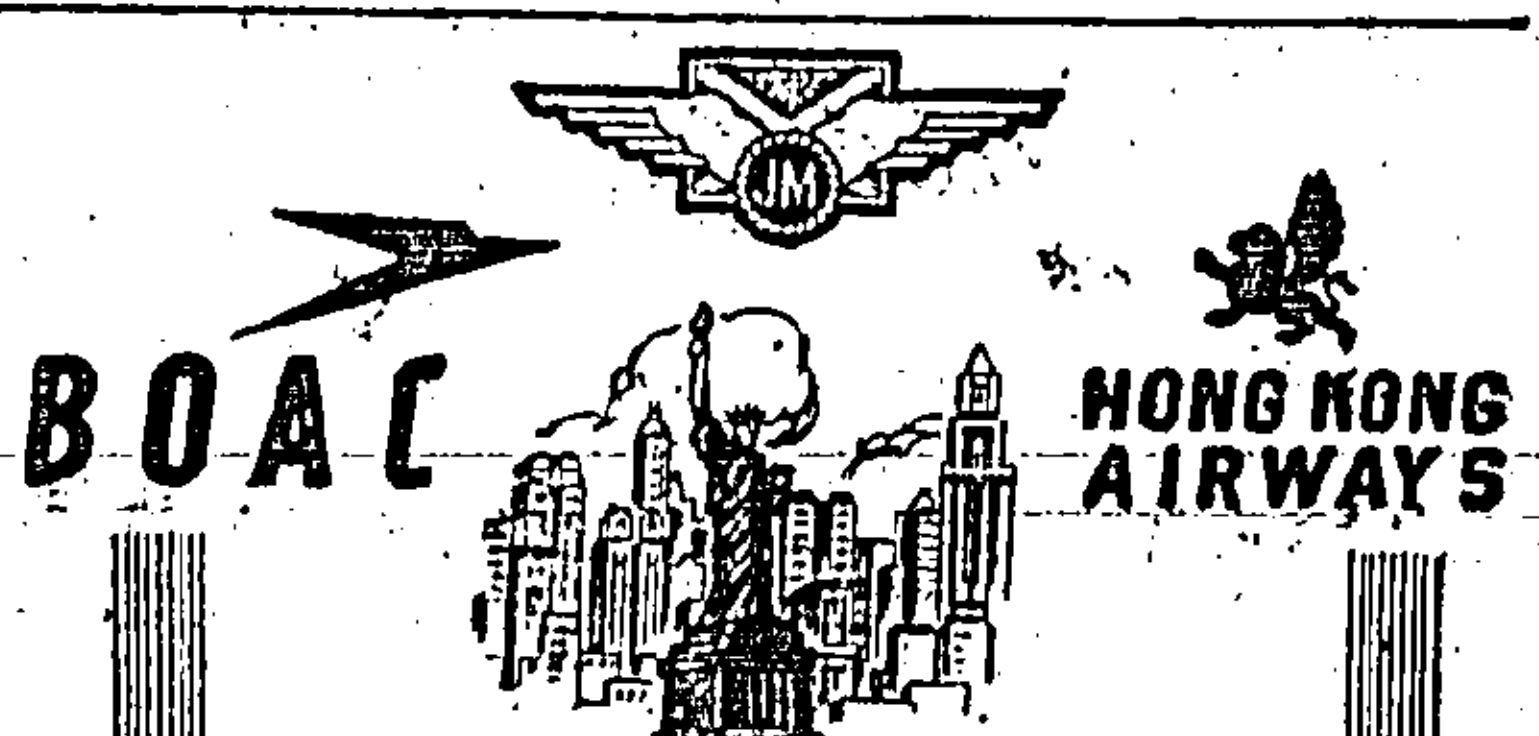
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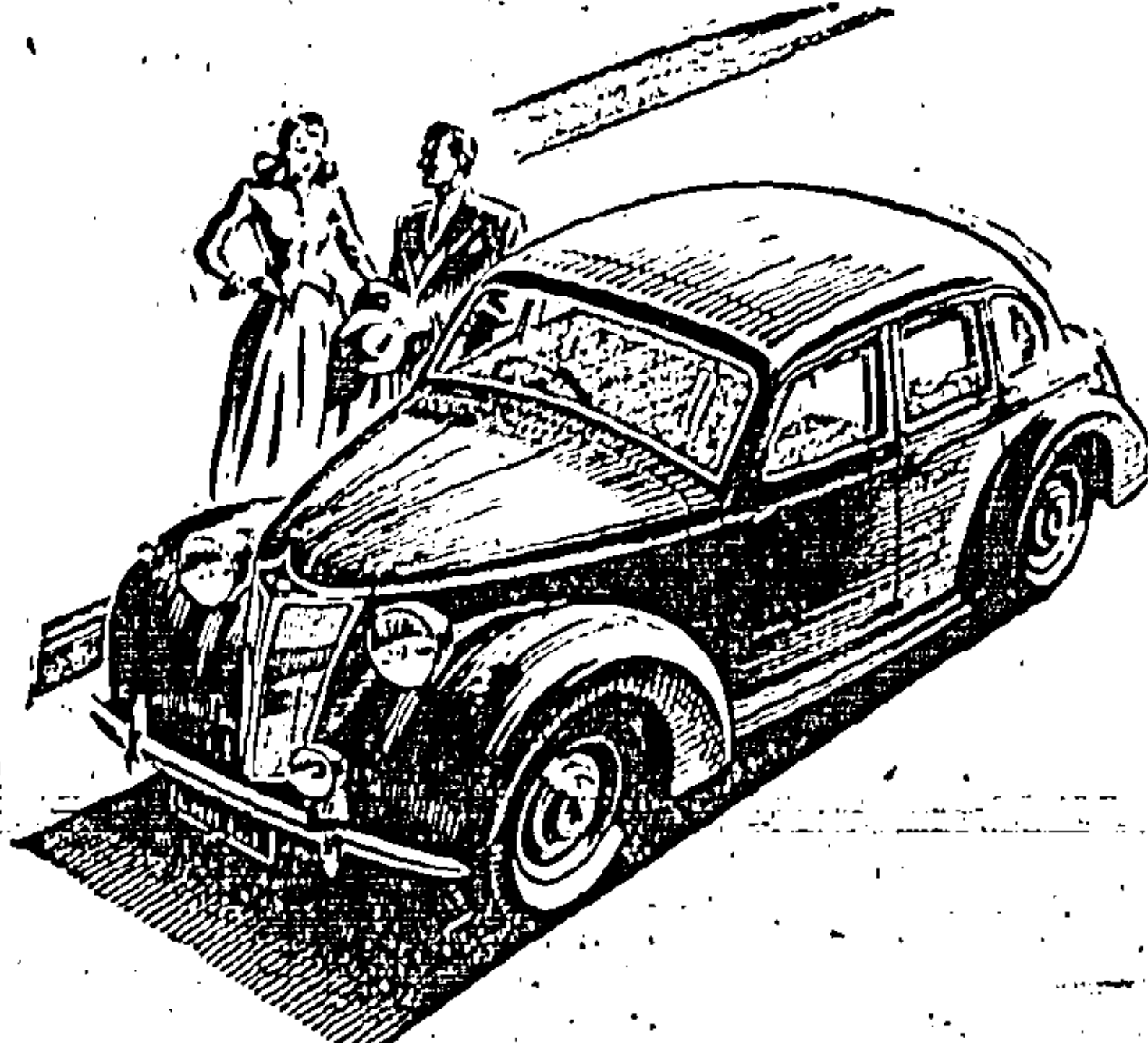
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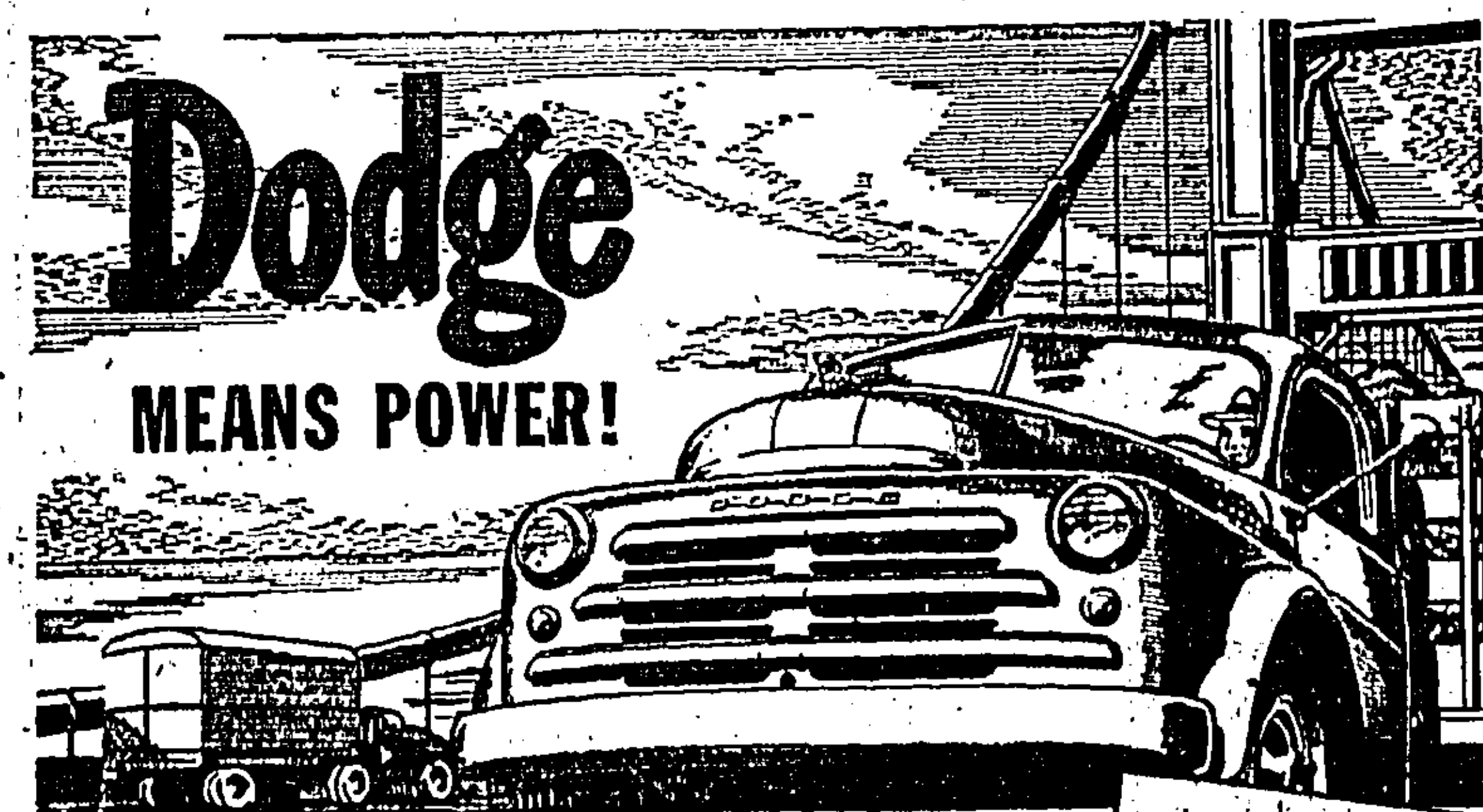
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CURRENT YEAR'S NEW MODELS

WHEELS TOTALLY ENCLOSED

Freshly styled models which have been announced for the 1949 season by Nash Motors, of Detroit, represent the first production cars to adopt the modern Italian fashion of totally enclosing the wheels. Produced by a division of the Nash Kelvinator Corporation, these new models introduce some daringly unusual ideas to a wide public.

Two models comprise the range, both based on designs which in mechanical details are backed by considerable experience. The "600" is well established in favour as one of the smaller U.S. automobiles, with its 2.8-litre six-cylinder engine. Higher performance tastes are catered for by the Ambassador, which is powered by a 3.9-litre engine having pushrod-operated overhead valves. Both types of power unit are distinguished externally by the use of cast-in induction systems, which make for extreme under-bonnet neatness. Both engines also now incorporate many new detail improvements, among them a new design of water pump and counter-balanced crankshafts of increased stiffness.

Integral with the power unit on each model is a single dry plate clutch of Borg and Beck design, with the return spring linkage incorporating a variable leverage to maintain constant effort throughout the range of pedal travel. Also used is a Warner three-speed gearbox, with synchromesh engagement for the two upper ratios; an interesting detail is the use of die-cast light alloy rear extensions to the gearbox on cars equipped with an overdrive.

This overdrive unit is an optional fitting, and incorporates an epicyclic step-up gear of 0.7/1 ratio with automatic changing of gears. It is possible to lock the unit in direct drive, but in normal use an upward change into overdrive is made whenever the throttle is closed momentarily at speeds above a set minimum, while direct gear may be regained at any time by the driver's pressing the accelerator pedal right down to the floor. Non-overdrive cars of the two sizes use rear axle ratios of 4.4/1 and 4.1/1 respectively; when an overdrive unit is fitted these ratios are lowered by approximately 10 per cent. to give extra direct-drive acceleration.

Unusual Design

Enclosure of the propeller shaft within a torque tube is a comparatively unusual feature of the design. With this layout there is



Cycle Exports

Increase Noted

London, March 1.
Exports of British-built cycles and motor cycles last month achieved the unprecedented value of more than £2,000,000—£500,000 above the 1948 monthly average, itself a record.

The overall figure, which gives Britain a world lead in this field, was (including components) £2,700,000 compared with £2,200,000, the 1948 average.

The increase in cycle exports was absorbed mainly by India, Malaya, Burma, the Dutch East Indies and Latin America. The two biggest customers for motor cycles were Australia, just under 2,000, and Argentina with 1,500. The total number of bicycles and motor cycles sent abroad last month was 186,168 and 7,561 respectively.

only a single universal joint, which is fully protected from road grit, and the new models differ from their predecessors in having rubber-mounted ball bearings installed halfway along the torque tube to steady the propeller shaft. The rear end is a hypoid geared unit, permitting a low transmission line, and the pinion shaft is firmly held in taper roller bearings.

The rigid torque tube, to which the axle is braced by diagonal struts, is used to provide rear axle location, in conjunction with a transverse Panhard rod. The rear springs are thus freed from all duties save those of supporting the car and are of coil type, giving minimum weight and eliminating uncontrolled friction.

Front suspension is also by coil springs, the wheels being independently located by an orthodox linkage of unequal length and slightly swept-back wishbones. At both front and rear, telescopic-type hydraulic shock absorbers are neatly mounted within the coil springs, and on the Ambassador model an anti-roll torsion bar is added to the front suspension. Enclosure of the front wheels within fairings, which do not extend outwards beyond the line of the body sides, has not interfered with the obtaining of an acceptably compact turning circle; the track is smaller at the front than at the rear, by 5 ins., but this is not an amount of "crab-tracking" greatly exceeding that used on other modern cars.

No separate chassis is used on the new cars, although an under-frame may be distinguished as part of the structure; it is welded into one unit with the full-width body frame to form an extremely rigid whole.

The styling of the four-door six-light saloon bodies is best seen from the photographs, and takes considerable advantage from the elimination of any visible wheel covers. Flexible springs and the use of bumper-fitting jacks have eliminated all need for removable panels, each wheel dropping far enough to allow it to be taken off the studs and slid out of its enclosure.

Internally, a long-standing Nash feature has been retained in improved form; the back-rests of the bench-type seats fold down to convert the interior of the car into a luxurious double-berth caravan. Also retained and improved is the "Weather Eye," a thermostat which regulates the car heater; this unit is located behind the fascia panel, where it can draw air through a filter element from a large external ventilator.

Public reactions to these stylish new American models will, doubtless, be watched closely by other manufacturers in all parts of the world. It is worthy of mention that despite their low and rakish lines, the two new cars both have over 7 ins. ground clearance, the critical lowest point being a cross-member below the gearbox.

AMERICAN INDIVIDUALIST—First American automobile to adopt the enclosed front wheels which have recently been featured by Italian specialist coachbuilders, the 1949 Nash may be a portent of the shape of things to come.

IMPROVED BICYCLES MADE IN BRITAIN

Bicycles manufactured in the factories of Britain and exhibited in London recently were lighter, brighter and better than ever.

Most of the thousand exhibited had lost several pounds in weight since similar machines were shown at the last exhibition in London in 1938. These changes have been achieved by the use of modern processes, improved steels and designs, and the adaptation of special light alloys to practically every part, fitting and accessory.

Fittings shown in light alloy for the first time in England included derailleurs, variable gear lamps and lamp reflectors, variable-gear hub-shells, chain-wheel sets, pedals, dynamo and many smaller parts.

These machines also had a new brightness due to new brilliant colour finishes. The demand in Britain for more colourful bicycles is a symptom of the desire to escape from drabness and austerity. The new finishes have always been called for colour, but the present-day finishes have special lustre and durability as well.

Visitors to the show all agreed that the new models are easier to ride, more comfortable and safer. This is due to the carefully thought-out frame angles, increased life through resilience in the right places, better braking and steering.

It was noted that Armstrong Cycles Ltd., have paid close attention to the special needs of the modern club cyclist. In their range of Continental type lightweight bicycles they have aimed at combining super quality of workmanship with moderate prices. The top price (inclusive) is £28 10s. 0d.

Brown Bros. Ltd., put on what was virtually a show in itself, which included practically everything in the cycle and kindred trades. Their special Vindex Safety Roadster gives a low riding position very safe in traffic. You can put your foot to the ground at any time. Some of the first products of the new supermodern Triumph factory at Coventry were on show. They included very special racing model which had been kept secret before the show. The Three Spires machines were only for buyers from overseas.

High lights of the J.A. Phillips & Co. Ltd., exhibition were their range of high-grade complete machines, the first they had been able to show publicly since they began making them in 1945, and the lengthy range of ultra modern pedals, hubs and brakes. Alloys and special steels are widely used, and weights are remarkably low.

Thief-Proof Lock

The Raleigh Industries group, comprising Raleigh, Humber, Robin Hood, Rudge-Whitworth and Sturmer-Archer, exhibited 112 complete machines and a large number of gears. The Dynohub, which generates light from the front or rear hub, has been improved and lightened. Stainless steel spokes and a thief-proof lock in the fork-crown are features of machines in this group.

The range of Sturmer-Archer 3 and 4-speed hubs now have alloy shells, one-third the weight of steel. A 3-speed fixed hub was shown for the first time in cycling history. Another new hub is a four-speed with close-ratio gears. Raleigh Industries export to 100 countries.

Sportmen crowded round the Cloud Butler stand, where there were a large number of specialist lightweight bicycles and tandems. There was good news for little men; the Brevit model is designed

for their use. Bilaminated chrome building and a new steel chain-wheel set were specialties on this stand.

Used in 102 countries, the Hercules bicycle is world-renowned, and a very complete range, including many special export models, was shown. One of the features of this stand was the colour finishing. Many quite new and fascinating shades and schemes were used.

Three highlights on the B.S.A. stand attracted large crowds. First, the Gold series of sporting lightweight has re-appeared, headed by an entirely new model, the Gold Column, of which practically every part is "special." It retails at £38 10s. 0d. inclusive. A new 4-speed derailleurs, the Four-Star, a light sporting type, also had some novel features.

Refinements on the Sunbeam bicycles included a twist-grip operation of the B.S.A. three-speed gear, and handle bars with concealed brake levers.

The firm of Reynolds were able to point to the best bicycles on every stand as exhibitors of their product—the well-known 531 tubing. A range of no fewer than 25 lightweight models appeared on the Sun stand. The well-known Wasp and Vitesse racers stood alongside a new short wheelbase model called the Manx and primarily intended for racers such as the Manx bicycle 7.7. Prices are from £12 to £32 10s. 0d. for the home market, but some special export models were also shown.

Norman cycles, which do a big export trade, also exhibited an extensive range of machines. Great developments have been made by the Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd., in the use of alloys and light steels for their sporting and club models, of which three of those exhibited are entirely new. This company's well-known range of touring and utility machines attracted much attention.

Sport Models

Pioneers of many of the modern improvements in sporting models of two and three-wheelers, many of them equipped with new refinements. Triangles for young and old riders were a specialty.

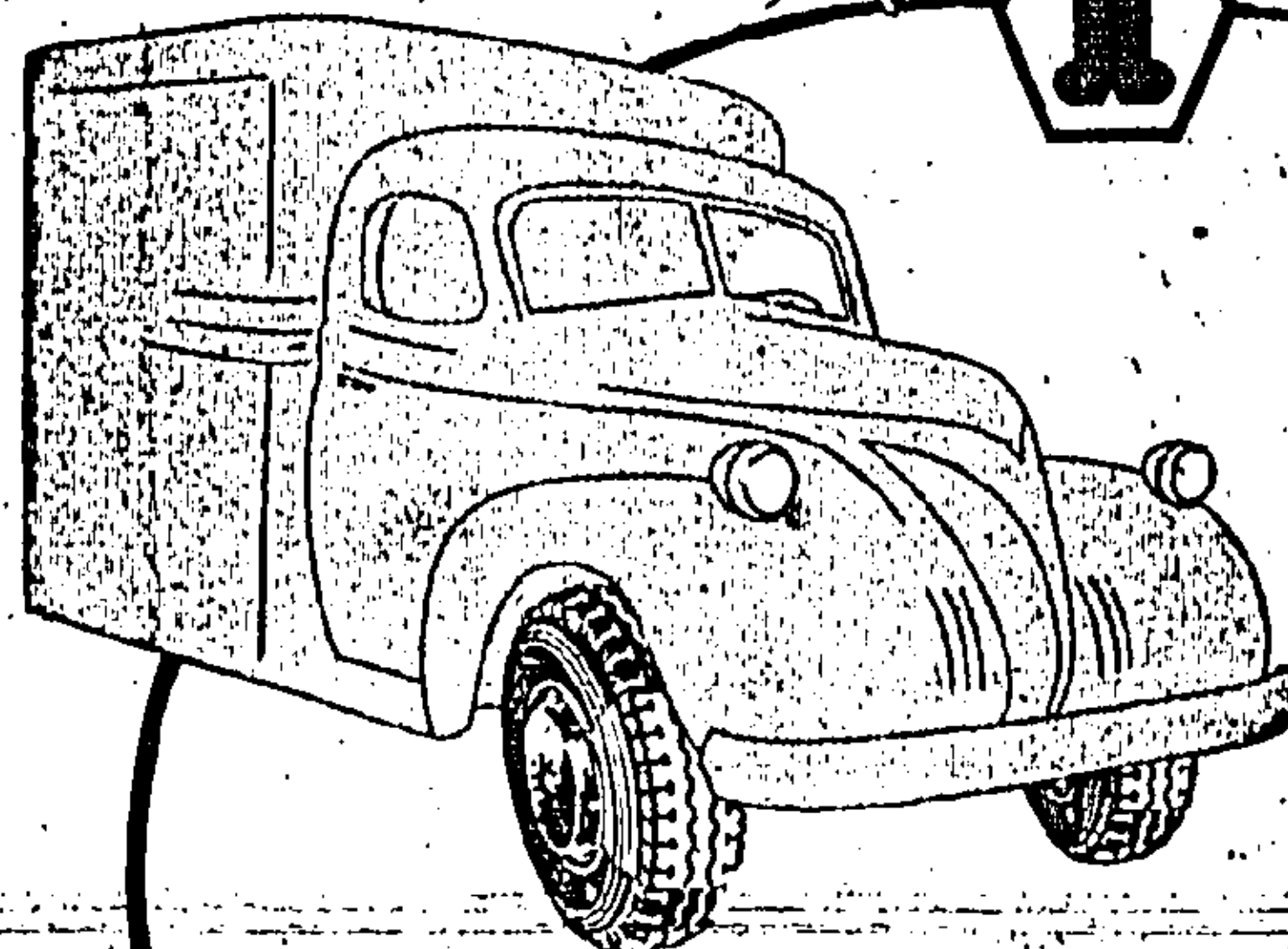
A new method of electric fusing, called the Amalgam, was used for building some of the frames for Dayton cycles, of which a complete range for home and export was shown. Racing machines were one of the features of this stand.

Hobbs of Barbican are specialists in lightweight construction. They showed many models of frames, bicycles and tandems, and also their Lytaly special alloy head fittings, brakes, pedals, and chain-wheel sets. The last-named have features claimed to be unique in British alloy sets.

No fewer than 8 of the Coventry Eagle models were entirely new. There were two groups—the Classic De Luxe, with detachable gearcases and 3-speed hubs; and the sports and racing models comprising the Flying Ace and the Golden Eagle. The last-named, equipped with all the latest improvements, costs £20 15s. 2d. inclusive.

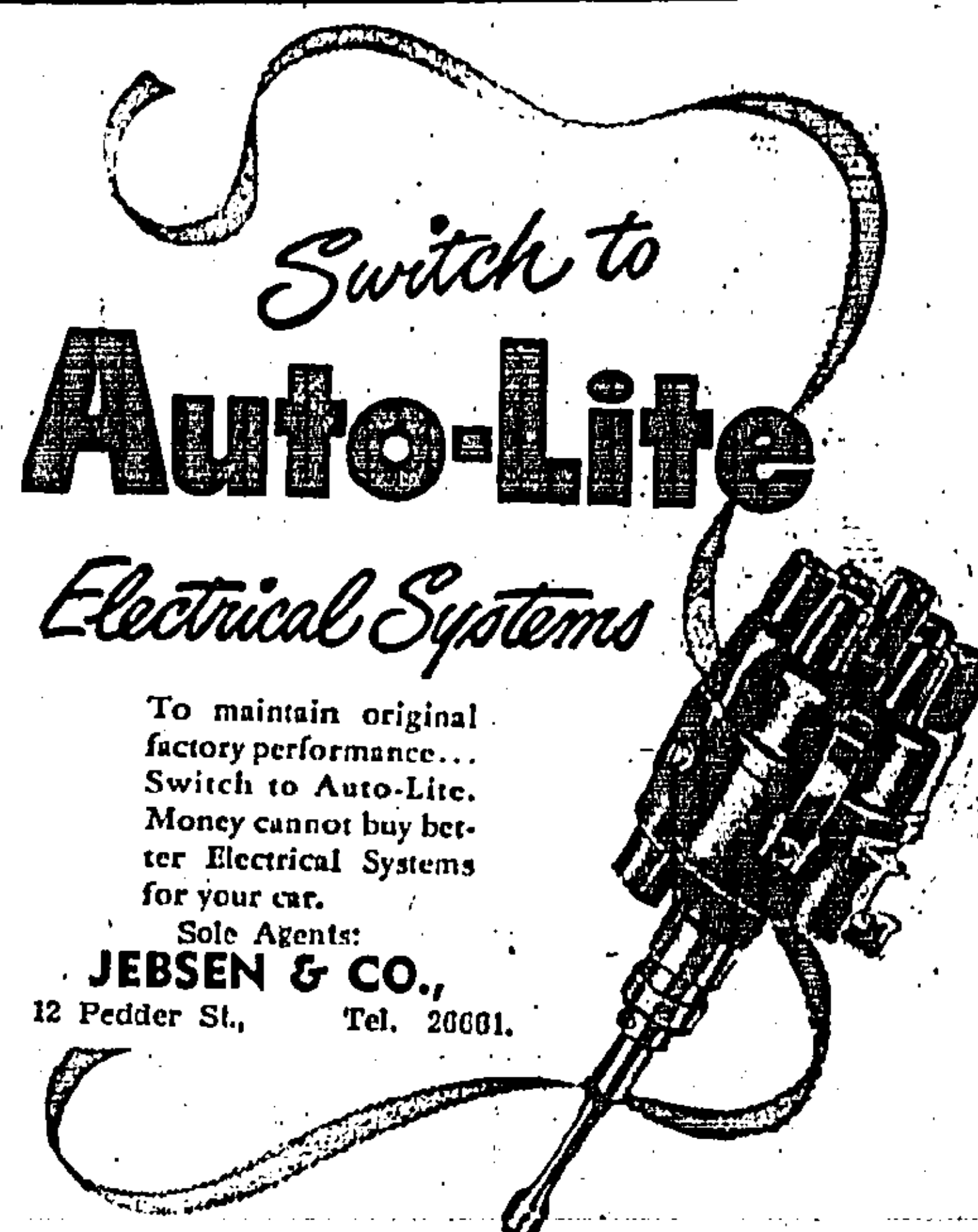
All the special racing models on the stand of Parkes Light-weight Cycles Ltd., were also new. There was an International, a Mass Start, a Track racer, a Century, an Auto-graph and an Oppy. These all appeared. A 55 lbs. "copalaster" bicycle, priced from £11 13s. 1d. to £33 6s. 0d. figured on the Dawes stand, and comprised a truly representative range of lightweight for racing and general purposes.

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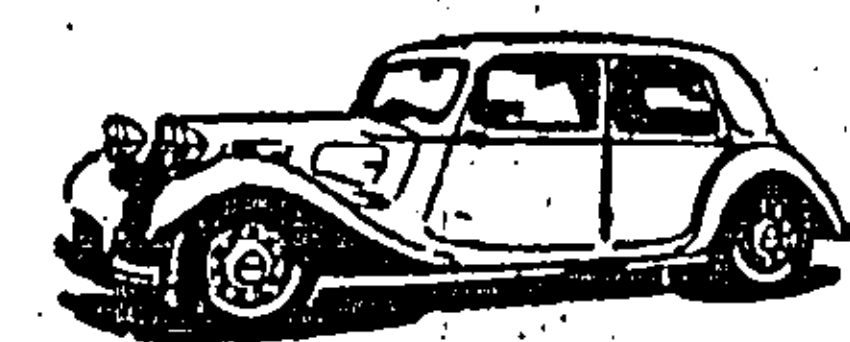
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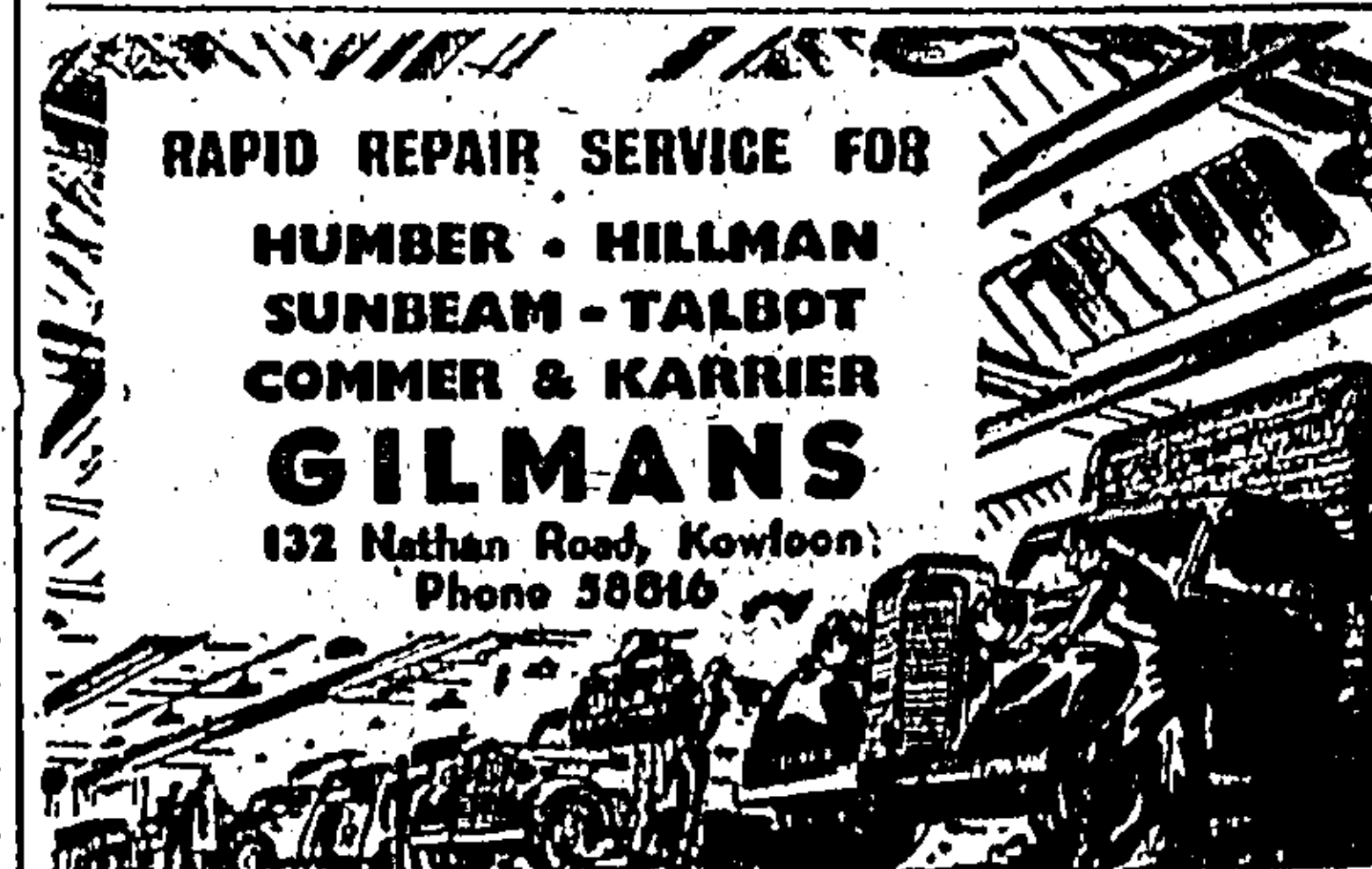
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NORWAY TO JOIN IN NEW DEFENCE TREATY

HURLEY'S DEFENCE OF CHIANG

Washington, March 3. The Chinese Nationalist Government was defended today by Mr. Patrick Hurley, former U.S. Ambassador to China.

The American diplomatic debacle at the Yalta Conference, in which concessions were made to Russia, was responsible for the Communist successes in China, he said.

He acknowledged that China has a corrupt system known as "squeezing" and said that in the United States it is called "graft". He added that the Chinese system has existed for a long time and China is too weak to punish crooks.

The concessions made by the United States to Russia at Yalta formed a blueprint which has been followed by the Communists in their conquest of China, Mr. Hurley continued.

He added: "The Communists have won—we have lost China." He said he did not know who was to blame for the concessions granted Russia at Yalta, but President Roosevelt was a sick man at Yalta, United Press.

Churchill Speech In America

Washington, March 3. President Truman will try to look into the future while Mr. Winston Churchill pores over the past, when they appear four weeks hence at a special convocation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The wartime British Prime Minister will speak on March 31 and Mr. Truman will speak the following day.

Dr. Karl Compton, chairman of the Institute, said at the White House today that Mr. Churchill has agreed to a suggestion that he discuss the aspirations, failures and successes of statesmen of the first half of this century.

The theme of the special two-day convocation will be "The World at Mid-Century."

Dr. Compton said he had suggested that Mr. Truman might like to try looking ahead in his speech. He indicated that the President has agreed.—United Press.

FIRE TRAGEDY

Muskegon, Michigan, March 4. A widow and at least nine of her children, plus her lodger, were burned to death here yesterday when fire destroyed their home.

The bodies of Mrs. Maude Clever, aged 40, nine of her children aged between three and 15, and her lodger, August Tusk, were removed from the ruins of the fire which was caused by an exploding oil stove.—Associated Press.

Envoy's Approach On China Aid

Washington, March 4. The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, today urged the United States State Department to make the fullest possible use of available American funds earmarked for China aid.

The present \$400,000,000 China aid programme expires on April 3. Most of the funds have been committed.

Dr. Koo talked for half an hour with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. James Webb. Dr. Koo then told reporters:

1. They discussed China's desire for a new American aid programme in a general way. Dr. Koo declined to give details. 2. He also asked that China be given any funds out of the

Doctors Gather In Britain

London, March 3. Doctors and nurses from 14 European and Middle East countries are gathering in London today for a three-month study of social pediatrics in the United Kingdom.

They are holders of 47 fellowships awarded by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Countries represented are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, the Lebanon, the Netherlands, Poland, Syria, Transjordan and Yugoslavia.—United Press.

Washington, March 3. Norway will ask to take part in the North Atlantic Pact negotiations when the Atlantic powers decide what other countries should be invited to join the Alliance, Mr. Wilhelm Morgenthau, the Norwegian Ambassador, said in Washington today.

After a 20-minute courtesy call on the Under-Secretary of State, the Ambassador announced that Norway has decided to join the negotiations. He said that he has not yet received any instructions from his Government.

"When instructions are received we shall ask for an invitation and if we get a favourable reply, we shall come in and take part in the discussions," he declared.

He understood that the Atlantic Powers' Ambassadors are meeting later tonight, or tomorrow, to decide what other countries to invite to join the negotiations.

"As soon as there is a decision I shall get instructions from my Government," he added.

Norway's reply to the Soviet Union offer of a non-aggression pact was handed to the Russian Ambassador in Oslo tonight.

The text of the reply will not be published until after tomorrow's session of the Norwegian Parliament has opened. It is expected that the reply contains a polite rejection of the offer of a non-aggression pact with reference to the United Nations Charter and with an assurance that Norway does not feel threatened by the Soviet Union.

Denmark Also

The Atlantic Pact policy will be discussed in an open session of Parliament tomorrow. In Copenhagen, diplomatic sources said Denmark also has decided to line up with the Western powers and take part in the discussions on a North Atlantic Defence Alliance.

A high official in Washington said that the United States decision whether Italy should be invited into the Atlantic Pact group will be taken soon. He would not comment regarding the possible nature of the decision; he would only say the matter is still under active discussion.

Observers consider his remarks significant in the respect that one of the French Embassy's negotiators on the pact conferred with this official today, presumably to learn if the United States is making up its mind on Italy.

While the official would not say so, the impression prevails that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, may be trying further to convince the Senators of the advantages of having Italy in the pact.

And Iceland?

The State Department meeting on the pact, fixed for today, was put off because at least one Government member lacked full instructions on the next phase of negotiations.

A high United States official said it may definitely be assumed that Norway and Denmark will apply for membership. He thinks Iceland possibly will also apply, if the two Scandinavian countries do so.

Canada's Foreign Secretary, L. B. Pearson, told press conference in Ottawa that the text of the proposed North Atlantic pact in substance is quite satisfactory to his Government.

Ottawa circles expect that the signature conference may be held

Rioting In Calcutta Not Anti-British

London, March 3. The Commonwealth Relations Minister, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, told Parliament today that there is no anti-British significance in the recent Calcutta riots.

Answering questions in the House of Commons, Mr. Noel-Baker said: "The Indian Prime Minister stated that the murder of three British people in Calcutta on February 26 was committed by members of the revolutionary Communist Party of India. I am glad to assure the House that, so far as we can tell, no anti-British significance should be attached to these attacks."

He said the Indian Government is responsible for protecting British subjects in India, adding: "But I do not think it can possibly be held that there was negligence anywhere." "These attacks were planned against the Government. They were carefully planned and the moment chosen was when the police were holding a sports meeting near Calcutta."—United Press.

"COUNTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS"

Wellington, March 3. The free supply of drugs under the New Zealand State Health Service is rapidly turning New Zealand into a country of drug addicts.

Dr. E. W. Maples, Chairman of the Association of County Councils of England and Wales, said so at a civic reception here today.

The State is supplying a yearly average of £1 worth of drugs to each New Zealander of European extraction and £1½ worth to each Maori.

Dr. Maples added that the national health service schemes of New Zealand and Britain are hampered because too many people come for treatment of imaginary sickness.—Reuter.

The present programme which might become available after April 3 as a result of non-delivery of goods. For example, suppose China places a \$50,000,000 order through a U.S. Government agency before the deadline and the producing company discovers after the deadline that the goods are not available. The Chinese then would like the money to be put into other aid for China rather than revert to the U.S. Treasury.

3. They discussed a request made to the Economic Co-operation Administration to divert about \$500,000 of Chinese aid to help hard-pressed Chinese students in the U.S. Dr. Koo said there are about 3,000 students in the U.S. Not all of them need help.

During the day, the Chinese Embassy denied that some U.S. funds supplied to the Nationalist Government had gone into the pockets of Kuomintang leaders instead of being used to fight the Communists.

The newspaper columnist, Drew Pearson, said the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had made such a report to the House.

Dr. Koo commented that he had been told—obviously by Mr. Webb—that Mr. Pearson's report is not accurate.—Associated Press.

Italy Wants To Join In

Rome, March 3. An Italian Foreign Office spokesman declared today that the Atlantic Pact's defence plans should naturally include the Mediterranean.

He said: "Italian diplomats have been in close touch for the past few months with diplomats of other countries, particularly the United States, and are naturally interested now that the scope of the Pact has come up for discussion."—Reuter.

Slovene Minority Proposal

London, March 3. The United States proposed today that the Austrian independence treaty guarantee separate schools and other special facilities for the country's Slovene minority.

The compromise proposal was offered by the U.S. Deputy, Samuel Reber, in the hope of persuading Yugoslavia to withdraw her demand for a self-governing province in Slovene-populated Southern Austria.

Russia has pledged her support for Yugoslavia's proposal to create an autonomous province. The U.S., Britain and France oppose the plan.

Mr. Reber proposed to expand the guarantees to Slovenes on four points:—

1. Guarantee that Slovenes could have their own schools.
2. Guarantee that the Slovene language be accepted for official and commercial use in addition to German.
3. Allow Slovenes to form their own co-operative societies for the protection and promotion of economic, cultural and other interests.
4. Provide in the Treaty that Slovenes have absolute equality in civil and political rights.—Associated Press.

Belgrade, March 3.

A new Yugoslav-Czech trade agreement for 1949 has been signed in Belgrade. Details were not disclosed.—Reuter.

Atomic Expert Arrested As Spy

Paris, March 3.

French Special Branch officers, investigating alleged Communist espionage, tonight announced the arrest of a geologist attached to Franco's Atomic Energy Commission.

The man, named Pellaz, will be brought before a military tribunal charged with the unauthorized disclosure of military secrets, police headquarters stated.

Pellaz, who was formerly employed by the French Electricity Board, had been attached to the French Atomic Energy Commission for a year, the police said. France's Atomic Energy Commission is headed by Professor Frederick Joliot-Curie, a leading atomic scientist and a member of the Communist Party.

Six civilians and two Army officers have now been charged in France's seven-day espionage hunt.

The French Government is considering action to stop a sabotage campaign in the coalfields of Northern France, a spokesman of the French Na-

BLOCKADED RUSSIANS ORDERED TO LEAVE

Berlin, March 3.

The Soviet Repatriation Mission, blocked by the Americans in their headquarters in Frankfurt, were tonight ordered by the Russian authorities to return to the Soviet Zone.

Berlin radio says that Russia has been forced to cancel the permit for the United States branch group in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

The broadcast added that Colonel Lazarov, chief of the Soviet Military Liaison Mission with the United States Supreme Command, has informed the American authorities of this decision.

Colonel Lazarov condemned the "provocative forced measures" adopted by the Americans when the Repatriation Mission rejected their order to leave Frankfurt. He said that by clamping down a hunger blockade on the Soviet Mission and the cutting off of water, power and gas, the Americans had broken the repatriation agreement, as well as the laws of humanity and international agreements.

Lazarov added: "The Soviet Command is compelled to annul the issued permit for the work of American search groups engaged in the Soviet Zone of Germany in the search for American citizens for the purposes of their repatriation."

"It has been suggested to the members of those American groups now on the territory of the Soviet occupation Zone to leave the territory of the Soviet Zone immediately."

Protest Rejected

The United States today firmly rejected the Russian protests against the American order to close the Soviet Repatriation Mission.

An American note, delivered to the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow, in reply to a Soviet note of February 24, said the Russian protest is replete with misrepresentations and distortions of fact.

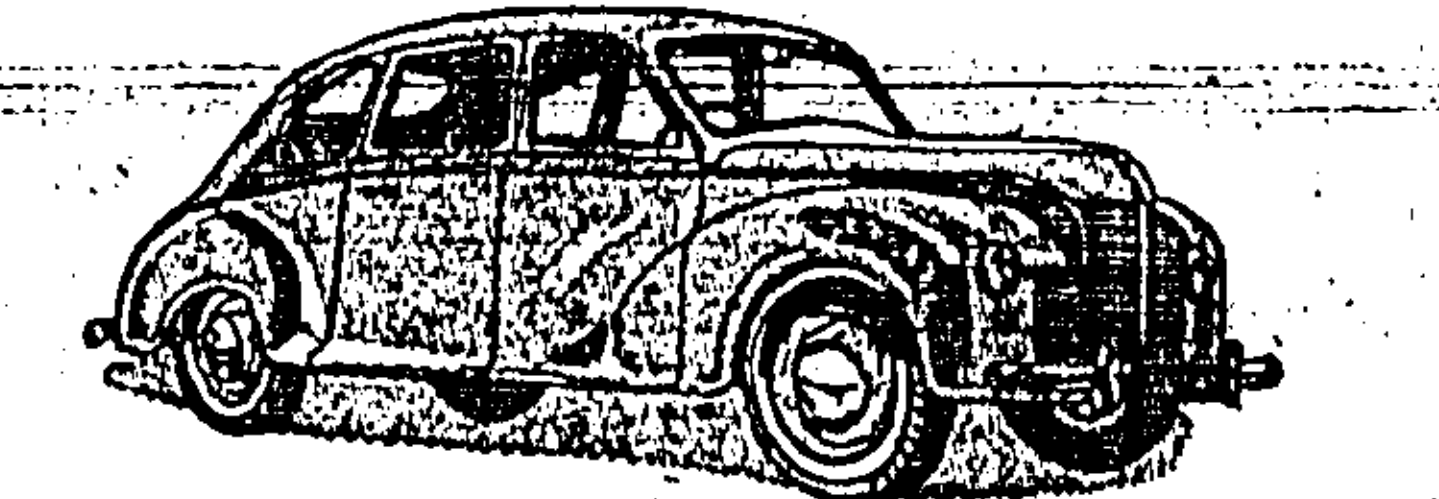
The Soviet note declared that the American action violated a repatriation agreement signed in the Crimea in February, 1945, and that American officials in Germany had obstructed the work of the Soviet Repatriation Mission.

Irregular Conduct

The American note denied these allegations and said the United States reaffirms the position taken by the United States

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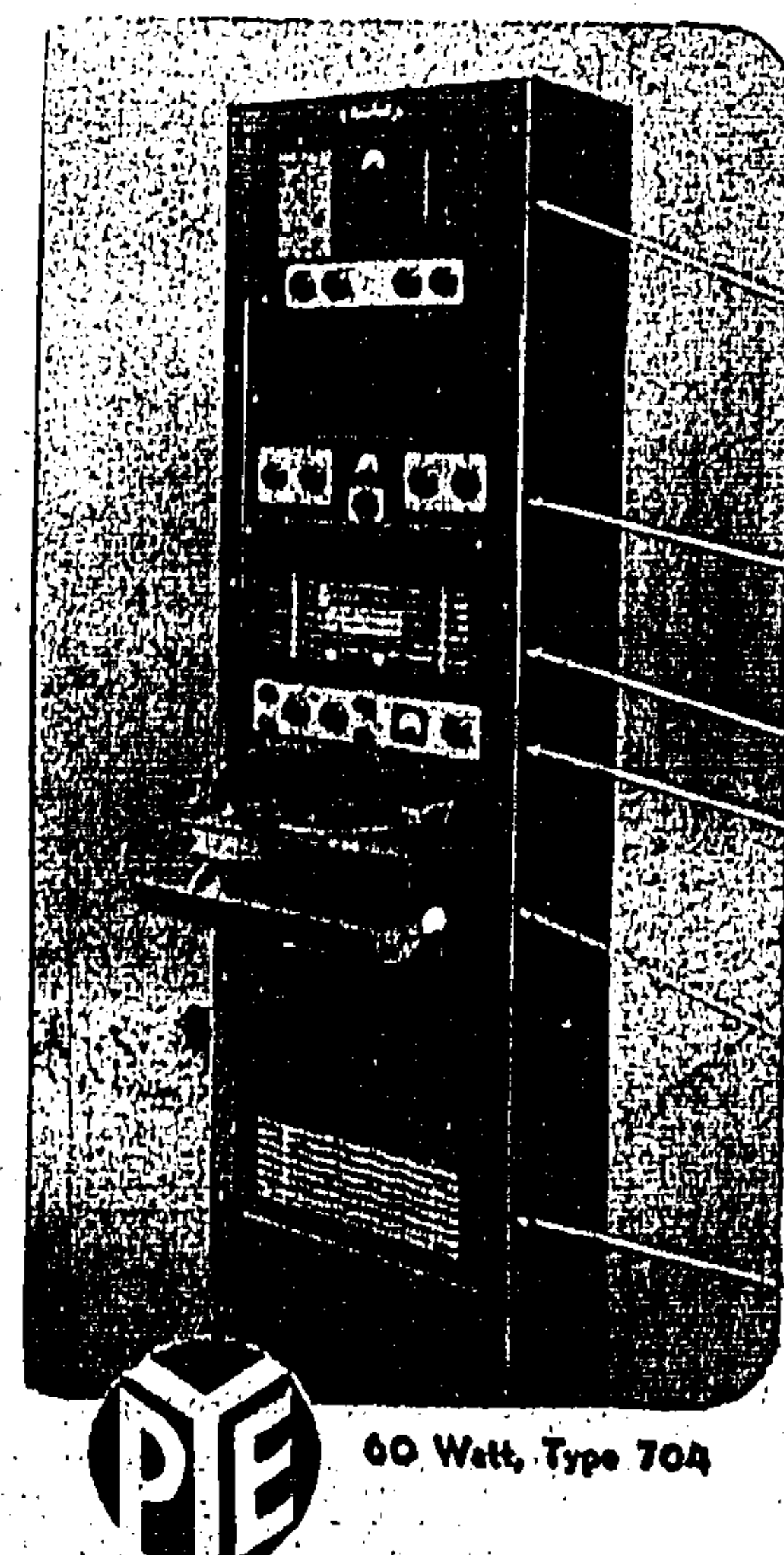
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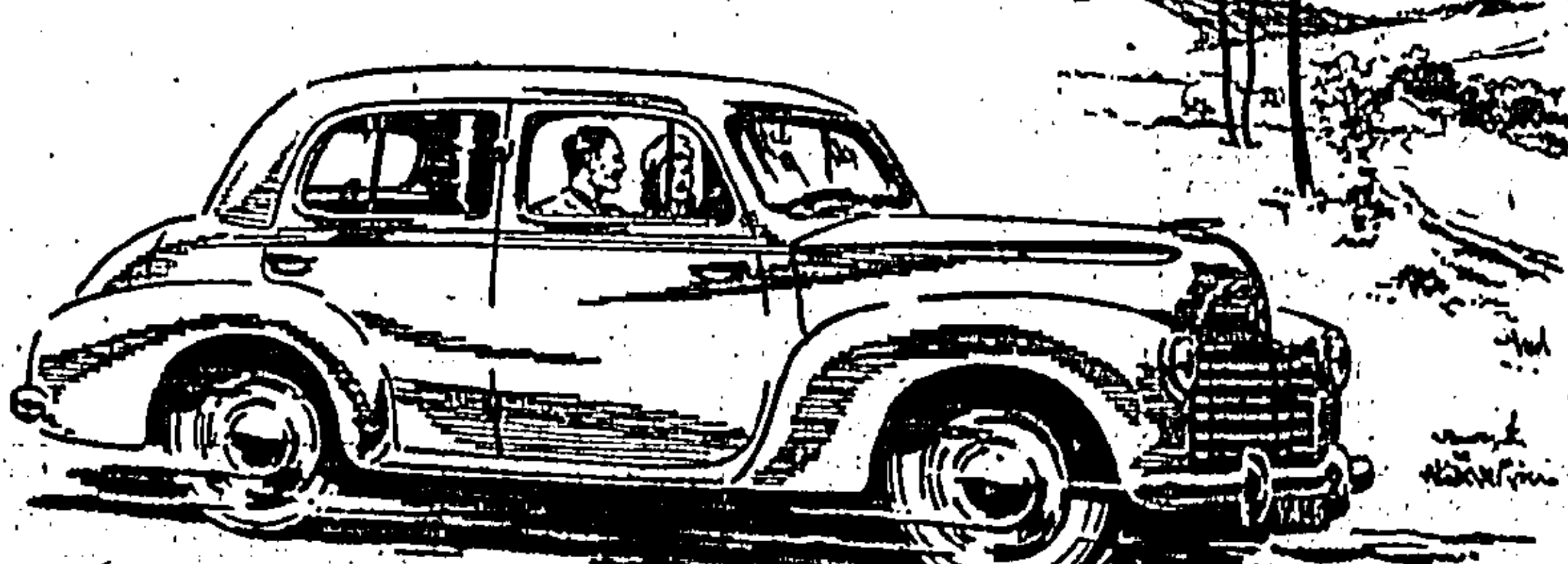
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KILLINGS AFTERMATH OF BANGKOK ARRESTS?

Bangkok, March 3.

The Siamese Government and police authorities today refused officially to confirm or deny widespread reports of arrests and killings after last week-end's fighting between the Army and the Navy in Bangkok.

The reports said the killings and arrests occurred after the Premier, Marshal Pibul Songgram, had rounded up alleged plotters for touching off the fighting.

The police today applied the first newspaper censorship in the present crisis by screening all news in one Chinese and two Siamese language newspapers, officially designated as left wing.

Police sources also officially refuse to confirm or deny a report in the English-language newspaper, the "Bangkok Post," that a Member of Parliament, Payome Chulanor, was shot dead at his home while resisting arrest.

Siamese editors today protested against the failure of the police to take action in the killing of a Bangkok reporter at the home of a Cabinet Minister during the fighting.

(This was the first disclosure of such an incident. Siama is being placed under domestic censorship, but police have insisted that dispatches destined abroad are not affected.)

(However, when foreign communications were restored on Monday after failure of the week-end coup against the Government, there were delays of several hours while Government officials observed the contents of all messages.)

(This dispatch was six hours and 40 minutes in transmission, indicating that similar delays are still in effect. It also lacked the name of the Cabinet Minister and other details which such a story normally would include.)

Editor's Escape

The editor of the paper "Nikorn" told a meeting of editors that the reporter, Manas Vicharnbhorn, was brutally beaten. The editor of the paper "Varasarn" said an attempt had been made to assassinate him in his home, but three bullets missed.

A special session of Parliament heard a statement from the Premier that the Government has the situation well under control but is taking special precautions.

so that conditions will not deteriorate as an aftermath of the fighting.

The statement was read by Luang Promyod, Minister of Education. Members sought more details, but were told this would have to come from the Premier.

Reports stated that the Cabinet is due for some changes soon, with Navy officers getting portfolios.

Newspapers report a steady drop in the value of Siamese currency, with prices and foreign exchange rising almost hourly.

Reuter and Associated Press.

Basement Murder Search By 'Yard'

London, March 3.

Scotland Yard detectives had to push through large crowds of curious sightseers today to reach a London basement that may hold the answer to part of Britain's greatest post-war crime riddle.

It is believed that five missing people were murdered and their bodies destroyed in acid baths. The basement is part of a five-story house in the South Kensington district, and the police started digging in it today on the theory that they would find the human remains of Donald McSwann, a property owner, and his wife and son, who have been missing for three years.

In another part of London and in Brighton, on the Channel Coast, other detectives are probing the disappearance of Dr. Archibald Henderson and his wife, who vanished a year ago. The Hendersons, who ran a doll's hospital and toyshop, left their holiday hotel at Brighton and were never seen again.

Scotland Yard today called

Winston Gets Tory Backing

London, March 3.
Mr. Winston Churchill today invited critics within the Conservative Party to speak their minds at a meeting of Conservative Members of Parliament.

When the 90-minute session had ended, Mr. Churchill emerged confidently, with his position as Party leader apparently unassailable.

Some quarters had predicted a Tory revolt as a result of Labour's successes in 31 by-elections for Parliament; but not one member criticised Mr. Churchill's leadership, according to Party sources.—United Press.

HALIFAX FIRE

Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 4.

A fire in a two-story tenement building here early on Thursday killed seven people and injured three.—Associated Press.

CONSERVATIVES DOING SOME SOUL-SEARCHING

London, March 3.

The Opposition Conservative Party, shaken by defeat after defeat in the by-elections, has turned the searchlight on its weaknesses.

With a general election due next year, many members of the party are expressing concern at the lack of more effective leadership in policy and in tactics to counter the Labour Government's successful electioneering.

Outspoken criticism is expected when the party's Central Council holds its annual meeting in London on March 17 and 18. One motion to be put is that the party's policy must be clearly formulated in terms which can be readily understood and assimilated by the whole electorate.

It adds: "To gain the fullest confidence of the people, the Conservative Party must prove to them that its policy provides the only effective basis for the maintenance and development of the democratic way of life in this country, which is diametrically opposed to Communism."

Some Conservative Members of Parliament are openly prophesying that unless the party takes vigorous action, Labour will again win at the next general election, though its majority will probably be reduced.

Winston Criticised

Dissatisfaction has intensified since the South Hammersmith, London, by-election last week, when the seat was held by Labour after a hard fight. Some Conservatives believe the constituency could have been won but for blundering by their leaders in Parliament over the National Health Service Estimates.

Even criticism of the Conservative chief, Mr. Winston Churchill, has come to the surface since the Hammersmith by-election. The pugnacious ex-Premier's recent attack on the financial mismanagement of the National Health Scheme have been seized on by Labour propagandists as a demonstration that the Conservatives, under their surface benevolence, are really hostile to what now seems to be the nation's most popular post-war measure.

A section of the Conservative Party would, some political ob-

servers believe, challenge Mr. Churchill's leadership if it were not for his great personal eminence. Most members feel that his great prestige as a national figure is one of the party's biggest assets.

Despite his mounting years, he is still a master of Parliamentary tactics and debate, and a successor would be hard to find.

Nevertheless, the Government still hold their record of not losing a seat defended at by-elections since 1945. The Labour Party has started the last year before the general election with great confidence, pointing to improving national economic and election successes.

The forthcoming meeting of the Conservative Central Council may be heated. Rank and file Conservatives throughout the country eagerly await its results.—Reuter.

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

Canberra, March 3.

Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, today told Parliament of a gentlemen's agreement under which Australian funds in London, totalling A£350 million, will not be heavily drawn on except in an emergency.

Australia, therefore, will not liquidate her overseas debts on a large scale, he added. The Prime Minister reiterated that the Australian exchange rate will not be changed while sterling maintains its present relationship with the world currencies.

Great changes in world currencies are always likely and one cannot tell what may happen, he said.—Reuter.

TALKS ON PALESTINE CONTINUE

Rhodes, March 3.

The acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, discussed the terms of reference for two hours today with the Transjordan delegation leaders in Rhodes for armistice talks with Israel.

The question of the Iraqi-held triangle in Western Palestine was also discussed. United Nations authorities refuse to say whether the Transjordanians, headed by Colonel Ahmad Souq, Mohammed El Muaytah, have a mandate from Iraq to discuss the triangle.

A high Israeli source said that the Jews will refuse to discuss the triangle unless the Transjordanians can produce documentary proof of such a mandate.

Dr. Bunche later saw the head of the Israeli delegation, Mr. Shiloah, and his deputy, Lieutenant-Colonel Moshe Dayan. Shiloah outlined his Government's general view on the armistice terms. Dr. Bunche hopes to arrange an informal meeting of the two delegations later. It will be the first time that they have met officially since the talks began on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, at Ras El Nakura police station on the Israeli-Lebanese border, the Israeli and Lebanese delegations met for the second time today.

The atmosphere was described as optimistic. A third meeting has been fixed for Monday. Both delegations were given a proposed armistice agreement at the first meeting on Tuesday.—Reuter.

Mercy Mission Of The RAF

London, March 3.

Royal Air Force planes, dropping supplies of grain, have saved from starvation 80,000 marooned Arabs in the Hadramaut, Southern Arabia, the Air Ministry stated today. Through a shortage of rain, crops failed and water dried up. Sardine fishing has also ceased and camels, the only means of transport, are too weak with hunger to cross the escarpment.

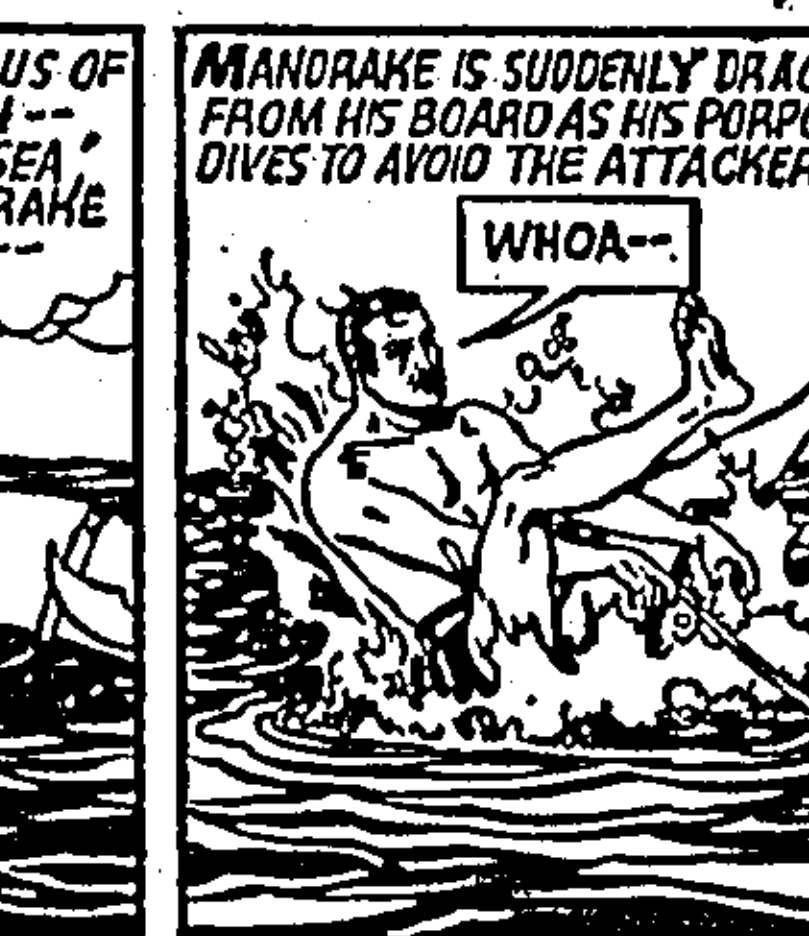
Since February 4, Dakota planes from Aden have dropped 751 tons of millet. Yesterday, conditions in Hadramaut had so improved that the airlift is no longer necessary.—Reuter.

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JAYA-CHINA SERVICE		
Arrivals	Sailings	
"TJIBADAK"	from Amoy	to Javaports & Macassar 7th March.
"TJITJALENGKA"	from Shanghai & Amoy	to Javaports & Macassar 10th March.
"TASMAN"	from Amoy	to Javaports & Macassar 17th March.
"TJIBADANE"	from Macassar & Javaports	to Shanghai 17th March.

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE		
Arrivals	Sailings	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South Africa	to South Africa 10th March.
"BOISSEvain"	from South America & South Africa	to South Africa 31st March.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	In port.	to South Africa 18th May.
"TEGELBERG"	from South America & South Africa	to South Africa 13th June.

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Arrivals	Sailings	
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Dell & S'pore 5th Mar.	to Straits & B. Dell 14th March.

Arrivals	Sailings	
"VAN HEUTSZ"	from B. Dell & Singapore 24th March.	to Straits & B. Dell 2nd April.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings	
"RIJNKERK"	from Shanghai 14th March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 15th March.

Arrivals	Sailings	
"MELISKERK"	In port	to Europe via Manila & Straits 5th March.

Arrivals	Sailings	
"MARIEKERK"	from Europe Early April.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid April.

Arrivals	Sailings	
"MOLENKERK"	from Europe Early May	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid May.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

THREAT TO BRITISH MARKETS FROM JAPAN

London, March 3.

The British Government is fully aware of the potential threat to British exports from revived German and Japanese competition. Mr. John Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons so last night.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 4.

Stocks moved narrowly, closing almost unchanged. Only 600,000 shares were traded, the second smallest total for the year.

Many brokers say the market is manoeuvring to position for a sudden movement in either direction. Most say it will be up.

Among widest changes were Abbott Laboratories, up two at 78 1/2; Wrigley, up two at 69; Allied Chemical, up 1 1/2 at 178.

DOV JONES AVERAGES	
26 Industrials	173.70
15 Rails	47.53
10 Utilities	31.76

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS	
Adams Express	17 1/2
Alaska Juneau	3 1/4
American Can	34 1/2
American Beetling	4 1/2
American Telephone	147 1/2
American Tobacco	63 1/2
American Waterworks	7 1/2
Armstrongs Copper	32 1/2
Aviation Corp.	10 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	39 1/2
Barnard	39 1/2
Bell Telephone	38 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Bowling Green	23 1/2
Canadian Pacific	117 1/2
Chrysler	63 1/2
Cluett	30 1/2
Coca-Cola	62 1/2
Dupont	14 1/2
Eastman Kodak	21 1/2
Electric Light & Power	35 1/2
General Electric	64 1/2
General Motors	62 1/2
Goodrich	41 1/2
Hammermill	8 1/2
International Harvester	24 1/2
International Tel. & Tel.	3 1/2
Johns-Manville	45 1/2
Kennecott Copper	64 1/2
Montgomery Ward	17 1/2
National Distillers	30 1/2
National Lead	10 1/2
New York Central	4 1/2
Packard Motors	4 1/2
Pac-Amerian Airways	8 1/2
Pennsylvania RR	16 1/2
Rudlo Corp.	24 1/2
Republic Steel	11 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco	30 1/2
Rockwell	26 1/2
Shell Oil	32 1/2
Sears Roebuck	15 1/2
Southern Pacific	40 1/2
Standard Brand	18 1/2
Standard Oil of N.J.	20 1/2
Standard Oil of Ind.	27 1/2
Union Carbide	37 1/2
US Steel	71 1/2
Wainhouse	23 1/2
Youngtown Sheet & Tube	6 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities	12 1/2

Not only in motor cars, scientific instruments, machinery and ship-building, but also in cotton textiles, Germany is emerging as a considerable competitor, he said.

Japan is competing with Britain on a growing scale in textiles, waxes and dyes, ceramics, shipbuilding and ship-repairing.

Best Weapons

General Douglas MacArthur will always ensure that Japan's prices are a little lower than the British, he asserted.

Mr. Edwards, in reply, said that what is disturbing British industry is that it may have Japanese prices and trade practices in the future leading to what is rightly or wrongly called unfair or cut-throat competition.

The occupation authorities' policy is to fix Japanese export prices on world prices. He assured the House that the Government is always ready to take up unreasonable Japanese prices with the occupation authorities. Mr. Edwards said the best weapons Britain holds in international competition must be the traditional high quality of British goods and increased efficiency in production.—Reuter.

Money Market

A stronger tone prevailed in the gold market yesterday, with the closing rate at HK\$308.75 a tael after opening at \$304.50.

US Dollars were also firmer, closing at HK\$5.16 1/2 as against \$5.15 in the morning.

Gold Yuan, continuing to slump, dropped to HK\$17 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery: HK\$13.75 and \$13.62 1/2 for Canton remittances; and HK\$11.70 and \$11.37 1/2 for Shanghai remittances.

Plasters reached HK\$10.40 a 100 yesterday on their non stop climb, after opening at \$10.08. At the close the rate was \$10.30.

Ticals dropped to HK\$24.30 a 100.

NEI Guilders were stationary at HK\$31.40 a 100.

Sterling was easier at HK\$15.18. Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.70.

Prices throughout the stock exchange dropped lower yesterday. Liquidation was not heavy and there were partial signs of recovery at the close. Bear covering was noticeable in oils and miscellaneous industrial leaders.

British gilt-edged securities were slightly lower.

Financial Times' Index: 116.1, off .8 at a new low for the year.—Associated Press.

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Compared with the previous week there has been a further contraction in the volume of business this week. Union of Canton have changed hands in quantity and it would seem that other heavy investments are in fair demand.

The balance of the Market remains almost idle.

The Rope Company Directors have announced a dividend of \$1 and bonus of \$1 per share, both free of tax.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:
4 1/2% Loan 1929-30
3 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1940) 10 1/2%
3 1/2% Loan (1940-1929)

BANKS:
H.K. & S. Bank
(H.K.) 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2
(Lon. Rev.) 4 1/2
Chartered Bank 11 1/2
Mitsubishi Bank A. & M. 2 1/2
Bank of East Asia 13 1/2

INSURANCE:
Canton Ins. 2 1/2
Union Ins. 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2
China Underwriters 5 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. (H.K.) 25 1/2

SHIPPING:
Dunlop 23 1/2
H.K. & M. Steamships 17 1/2
Indo-China (Priv.) 3 1/2
China P. & O. (H.K.) 25 1/2

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.:
H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 14 1/2
(New) 18 1/2
North Point Wharves 5 1/2
Sh. Hongkong Wharves 2 1/2
H.K. Docks 23 1/2
China P. & O. 19 1/2
Sh. Dockyards (H.K.) 12 1/2, 12 1/2
Wharves 3 1/2, 3 1/2

MINING:
H. & S. Mines 6 1/2
H.K. Mines 3 1/2

LAND, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:
H. & S. Hotels 15 1/2, 15 1/2, 15 1/2
H.K. Lands 6 1/2
Sh. Lands 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2
Hampden (H.K.) 13 1/2
H.K. Estates 1 1/2

PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2
Peak Tram (Old) 20 1/2
(New) 11 1/2
Star Ferry 12 1/2
C. Lights (Old) 14 1/2, 14 1/2
(New) 10 1/2, 10 1/2
H.K. Electric (H.K.) 30 1/2
Macao Electric 25 1/2
Sanchoa Electric 15 1/2
Telephones 11 1/2
Shanghai Gas 6 1/2

INDUSTRIALS:
Cald. Macr. (Ord.) 2 1/2
Canton Ins. 7 1/2
Cement (H.K.) 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2
H.K. Paper 21 1/2

STOCKS, ETC.:
Daily Farm (Old) 4 1/2
(New) 4 1/2
Watson 22 1/2, 22 1/2, 22 1/2
L. Crawford (Old) 27 1/2
(New) 25 1/2
Sluicers 6 1/2
China Emporium 11 1/2, 11 1/2
Sun Co. Ltd. 4 1/2
Kowloon Bank 18 1/2
Wing On (H.K.) 10 1/2
Wm. Powell Ltd. 11 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS:
China Entertainment 4 1/2, 4 1/2
H.K. Constructions (Old) 5 1/2
(New) 4 1/2
Vibros (Old) 18 1/2
(New) 18 1/2
Marsden Investments 9 1/2
Marsden (H.K.) 2 1/2
Sh. Loan 2 1/2
Yankee 4 1/2

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"BENALBANACH"	U.K. via Japan	—do—
"BENLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore	2nd half Mar.
"BENCRUACHAN"	U.K. via "	end Mar.
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via "	1st half Apr.
"BENWYVYIS"	U.K. via "	2nd half Apr.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"SALMONIER"	Kobe/Shanghai, Singapore, Colombo, Seychelles.	Abt. Mid Mar.
"BENALBANACH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hull.	2nd half Mar.
"BENLEUCH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hull.	—do—
"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Ylvaer, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.	Abt. end Mar.
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S.S. "MORTAIN"	Shanghai & Japan	10th April
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TODAY
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 HAIKALUS (Pattison) ex-Singapore.
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 VAN HEMERIK (Hill) ex-Singapore.

TOMORROW
 THINAN (Hill) ex-Singapore.

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Arrivals
TODAY
 CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.15 p.m.
 5 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.10 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 11.15 a.m., 2.15 p.m., 4 p.m.
 CATC ex-Taipei via Amoy, Swatow: 6.30 p.m.; ex-Hankow via Canton: 6.30 p.m.

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 S.S. "HANGSANG" to Sandakan 21st Mar.

ARRIVALS
 S.S. "CHAKSANG" from Japan Ports & Keelung 9th Mar.
 S.S. "HINSANG" from Sandakan 9th Mar.
 S.S. "WINGSANG" from Shanghai & Keelung 10th Mar.
 S.S. "ESANG" from Incheon & Pusan 11th Mar.
 M.V. "EASTERN SAGA" from Calcutta, Hongkong, Straits & Bangkok 14th Mar.
 S.S. "WINGSANG" from Shanghai & Keelung 22nd Mar.

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ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS:
 leaves London due Hong Kong

M.V. "GLENGYLE"	10th Feb.	17th Mar.
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